

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a **Cabinet Member**



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L49 23/24

Decision	
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> Passporting Single Accommodation Funding Award to Young Devon
2	<b>Decision maker:</b> Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Jackie Kings, Head of Housing Solutions, 01752 305191
4	<p><b>Decision to be taken:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accept the capital and revenue grant from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC);</li> <li>2. Approval to the S151 Officer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding;</li> <li>3. Allocation of £296,851 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by the DLUHC Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP);</li> <li>4. Approval of the transfer of the funds to Young Devon, including the SHAP Revenue funding of £303,645; such monies to be transferred to Young Devon via a Contract Variation to their Sub-Contract under the Complex Lives Alliance Contract PEO/16175</li> </ol>
5	<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b></p> <p>The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities <b>Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP)</b> provides a capital and revenue funding stream aimed at increasing the supported housing provision for single people who are homeless and/ or rough sleeping, as well as young people who are care experienced, with medium to high support needs.</p> <p>The Government has invested £200m in the new Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme to deliver up to 2,400 homes by March 2025, including supported housing. The new accommodation will be aimed at adults experiencing severe multiple disadvantage and specialist accommodation for young people (under 25) who are at risk of, or already experiencing, rough sleeping.</p> <p>Plymouth City Council, applied for capital and revenue funding, under the SHAP (Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme) for Young Devon. They are a registered charity working within the young people in the supported housing sector and a subcontractor in the Plymouth Alliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plymouth City Council have been successful in securing £296,131 in capital funding to acquire and refurbish one house with the aim of providing 4 bedspaces for young people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness with medium to high support needs</li> <li>• A three-year revenue award of £303,645 will provide an intensive support service to the four young people</li> </ul>

6	<p><b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> Plymouth City Council could not directly deliver this service as it is highly specialist, in nature. Young Devon is a subcontractor of the Plymouth Alliance with extensive experience</p>			
7	<p><b>Financial implications and risk:</b></p> <p>There are minimal risks to PCC as we are not delivering the projects. The house has been acquired and is being refurbished by Young Devon, ahead of the March 2025 deadline. The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will withhold 5% of the capital grant and may reduce the revenue award in line with when the properties are ready to be let.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCC will co-ordinate the reporting to DLUHC (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)</li> <li>• Young Devon is fully responsible for any risks and liabilities that arise from this project</li> </ul> <p>The risk element in receiving the grant is low:</p> <p>It is 100% externally funded and as such there is no impact on existing PCC budgets</p> <p>The Council will enter into a funding agreement with Young Devon which will contain restrictions on disposal of the property and how the funding is used.</p>			
8	<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (Please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p><b>No</b></p>	<p><b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b></p> <p>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</p> <p>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>£1million</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></b></p>	<p>n/a</p>		
9	<p><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></p>	<p>This service will increase the supported housing provision for young people with medium to high support needs who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This will lower the number of individuals being placed in B&amp;B under a statutory homelessness duty</p> <p>It directly and positively addresses the budget pressures faced by the Council as well as improving the health and wellbeing outcomes for young people in this cohort by providing them with specialist supported accommodation until they move on to a longer-term accommodation.</p> <p><b>Refurbished to EPC C</b>, aligns with the following PCC policies, plans and priorities:</p> <p><b>Policy HEA8 of the Plymouth Plan</b> outlines aims to ensure everyone has access to a decent, safe and affordable home,</p>		

achieved through identifying sites and delivery programmes to develop a range of new and affordable homes to rent and buy.

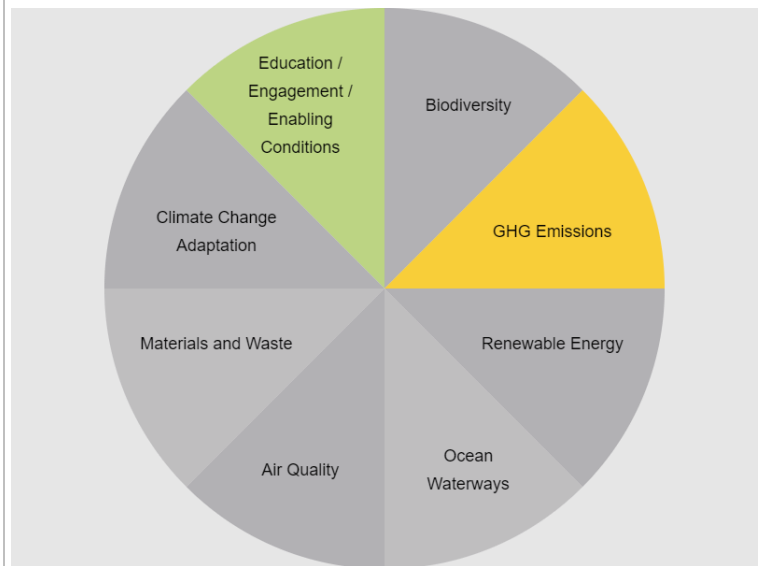
**Section 4.71 of the Plymouth Plan** further outlines the significant need for more affordable homes in Plymouth.

**Policy SPT3 of the JLP** makes provisions to deliver 4,550 new affordable homes by 2034. In addition, Policy DEV7 of the JLP outlines the need to ensure there is a broad range of housing available to suit households with specific needs, including large family homes.

This project will refurbish properties to an EPC C rating, thereby improving the energy efficiency of homes and supporting plans to improve the energy efficiency of homes in Plymouth as outlined in the **Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP)**. A star action of the Plymouth’s Future ‘Our Opportunity,

**10 Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)**

Refurbishing this house up to EPC C will improve the energy efficiency, thereby reducing carbon emissions, whilst simultaneously reducing fuel poverty/energy costs, and improving tenant comfort. By commissioning these works, we will also support Plymouth’s green economy by further stimulating demand for green jobs, skills, products, services and local collaboration




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<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>

**12a Reason for urgency:**

12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
<b>Consultation</b>				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	x	
		No		(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Chris Penberthy; Cabinet Member for Housing, Co-operative Development and Communities		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	12 February 2024		
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision	Yes		
		No	X	
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Gary Walbridge	
		Job title	Interim Director of People	
		Date consulted	14 February 2024	
<b>Sign-off</b>				
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS 114 23/24	
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.23.24.209	
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/1/AC/7/3/24.	
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A	
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A	
<b>Appendices</b>				
17	Ref	Title of appendix		
	A	Equalities Impact Assessment		
	B	Climate Impact Assessment		

C	Young Devon Capital Investment Briefing Note for Passporting Funds							
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information	Yes						
		No	x					
		<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>
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
<b>Background Papers</b>								
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.							
<b>Title of background paper(s)</b>		<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>Cabinet Member Signature</b>								
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.							
<b>Signature</b>			<b>Date of decision</b>	08 March 2024				
<b>Print Name</b>	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council							