

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a **Cabinet Member**



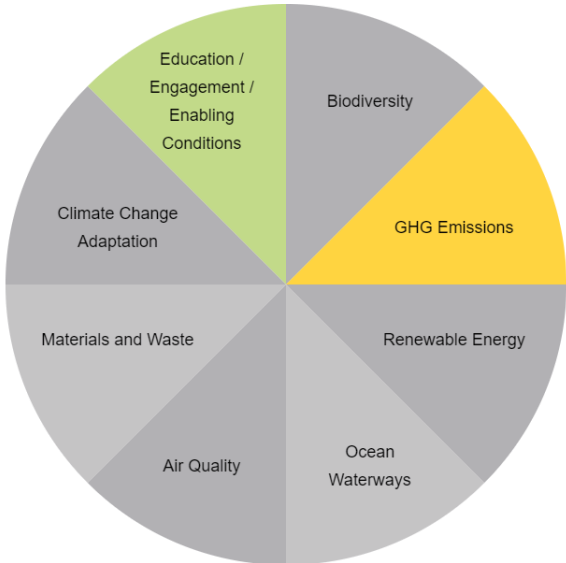
REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – L50 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Passporting Single Accommodation Funding Award to Path
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Jackie Kings, Head of Housing Solutions, 01752 305191
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept the capital and revenue grant from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; 2. Approval to the S151 officer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding; 3. Allocation of £700,000 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by a grant Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; 4. Approval of the transfer of the funds to PATH, including the SHAP revenue funding of £571,788; such monies to be transferred to PATH via a contract variation to their sub-contract under the Complex Lives Alliance Contract PEO/16175.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP) 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 for Path. Path is a local registered charity working within the homelessness supported housing sector and a partner in the Plymouth Alliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plymouth City Council have been successful in securing £700,000 in capital funding to acquire and refurbish two houses with the aim of providing 12 bedspaces for individuals who are homeless with a history of rough sleeping with medium to high support needs • A three-year revenue award of £571,788 will provide an intensive support service to those individuals living in the two houses

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The houses are to be acquired and refurbished by March 2025 			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected: Plymouth City Council could not directly deliver this service as it is highly specialist, in nature. Path is a lead organisation in the Plymouth Alliance with extensive experience.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications and risk:</p> <p>There are minimal risks to PCC as we are not delivering the projects. The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will withhold 5% of the capital grant and may reduce the revenue award if the two houses are not ready to be let by March 2025. Path would be fully responsible in covering this loss.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCC will co-ordinate the reporting to DLUHC Path is fully responsible for any risks and liabilities that arise from this project <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 Path which will contain restrictions on disposal of the property and how the funding is used.</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision?</p> <p>(Please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	Yes	No	<p>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</p>
			x	<p>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</p>
			x	<p>in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million</p>
			x	<p>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>
	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p>	n/a		
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>Significant action is required to meet the homelessness and temporary accommodation demand and reduce budgetary pressures. Rates of rough sleeping have been steadily increasing and many rough sleepers have a complexity of need, including trauma, mental health challenges, physical disabilities and substance and/or alcohol use.</p> <p>The purchase of these properties directly and positively addresses the budget pressures faced by the Council as well as improving the health and wellbeing outcomes for homeless individuals with complex lives by providing supported accommodation until they move on to a longer-term accommodation.</p>		

		<p>Refurbished to EPC C, aligns with the following PCC policies, plans and priorities:</p> <p>Policy HEA8 of the Plymouth Plan outlines aims to ensure everyone has access to a decent, safe and affordable home, achieved through identifying sites and delivery programmes to develop a range of new and affordable homes to rent and buy.</p> <p>Section 4.71 of the Plymouth Plan further outlines the significant need for more affordable homes in Plymouth.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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<p>10</p>	<p>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</p>	<p>Refurbishing these two houses up to EPC C will improve the energy efficiency of these homes, thereby reducing carbon emissions of these properties, 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</p> 
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Urgent decisions

<p>11</p>	<p>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)</p>
		<p>No</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>(If no, go to section 13a)</p>

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?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/> (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	14 February 2024	
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Gary Walbridge
		Job title	Interim Director of People
		Date consulted	12 February 2024
Sign-off			
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS 115 23/24
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.23.24.207
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/2/AC/7/3/24
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A

Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Capital Investment Business Case						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
	C	Climate Impact Assessment						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes						
		No	x					
		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 and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							

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Signature		Date of decision	08 March 2024
Print Name	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council		