

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L44 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Grant Acceptance: Levelling Up Round 3 Fund Grant from DLUHC
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE , Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Erinc Tabak, erinc.tabak@plymouth.gov.uk or Julia Blaschke julia.blaschke@plymouth.gov.uk
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree to accept up to £19,946,417 for the project ‘Plymouth and South Devon Freeport (Freeport) – Accelerating Plymouth’s Waterfront Regeneration’ from DLUHC as part of the third round of the Levelling Up Fund [subject to the Strategic Director of Place’s subsequent approval of the terms of the grant]; 2. Authorise the Strategic Director for Place (As senior Responsible Officer), to accept the funding and allocate the DLUHC grant funding to relevant partners and to approve the terms of such funding awards where they do not already have the authority to do so.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This grant will unlock essential capital works to key assets across the city, benefitting local communities and establishing Plymouth as a Net Zero Port City with an exemplary waterfront. 2. Following a submission to Round 2 of LUF which was unsuccessful, DLUHC have since reconsidered our application and announced that the full amount would be awarded to us in Round 3. Following this announcement, Plymouth City Council has put together the necessary documentation for government and we are now awaiting their response and formal offer. 3. The project will have an extremely tight delivery window as all funding will need to be spent by March 2026. In order to minimise delay, we are asking for agreement to accept the funding and to authorise Strategic Director for Place as SRO to accept any funding. 4. Each individual project will have their own decisions – for which the necessary democratic process will be followed.
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reject the funding – this option was considered and rejected because it would significantly impair economic development in the city and across the region. Key capital developments, including those in the Freeport, across our National Marine Park and at our Millbay Port rely on this funding and without it would stall. The work being proposed at the Port will accelerate our Net Zero progress towards having a Net Zero Port, which will further establish Plymouth as a pioneer and high achieving city. If this work is stalled, this opportunity will be missed.
7	Financial implications and risks: The award of this grant de risks the Council on all projects where the Council originally had funds committed. We will maintain robust programme management protocols

	through regular monitoring and review to ensure that the projects are delivered within the grant terms and conditions. Remedial action will be taken where necessary. Full terms and conditions with this funding are yet to be received, these will be reviewed before any final financial commitment is made.			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			x	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
			x	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
		x	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.	
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	n/a		
9	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:	The projects have three strategic themes which align with the Plymouth Plan, including developing Plymouth as a healthy, growing and international city. The bid aligns with a number of policies, including transport, environment, economic growth, skills and talent development, climate change, Plymouth's role in the global market place, 'green city' and supporting world class universities and research institutions.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	For the purposes of accepting the funding there are no negative environmental implications expected. Any impacts of individual projects will be addressed by each project team when considering each decision.		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	x	(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency:			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			

Print Name:				
Consultation				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	n/a		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	n/a		
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place	
		Date consulted	23.02.24	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS 108 23/24	
		Finance (mandatory)	CH 27 02.24 0831	
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/KT/2333/27022024	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)		
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Briefing report: Plymouth and South Devon Freeport (Freeport) – Accelerating Plymouth's Waterfront Regeneration		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment		
Confidential/exempt information				
I8a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for

		No	x	publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
Background Papers								
19	<p>Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.</p> <p>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 I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</p>							
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 (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature			Date of decision	06 March 2024				
Print Name	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council							