

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L53 23/24

Decision	
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> UK Shared Prosperity Fund Project: Real Ideas Organisation
2	<b>Decision maker:</b> Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Victoria Glennon - <a href="mailto:Victoria.Glennon@plymouth.gov.uk">Victoria.Glennon@plymouth.gov.uk</a> Julia Blaschke - <a href="mailto:Julia.Blaschke@plymouth.gov.uk">Julia.Blaschke@plymouth.gov.uk</a>
4	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To award £234,228.82 of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to Real Ideas Organisation in accordance with its funding application, as follows:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) £184,228.82 for revenue expenditure; and</li> <li>(b) Allocates £50,000 for capital expenditure into the Capital Programme</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. To authorise the S151 Officer to enter into and sign any funding agreements and claim forms in relation to the Devonport Futures.</li> </ol>
5	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plymouth were allocated £3,131,412 for three years (2022/23 - 2024/25) to support a mix of revenue and capital spend.</li> <li>• Plymouth City Council is the Accountable Body for the delivery and management of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and as such needs to follow Plymouth City Council processes.</li> <li>• As part of the investment plan submitted to Government on the 01 August 2022 there was a requirement to utilise an existing group or form a Key Partnership Group that would act as an advisory group in order to provide recommendations on the delivery of potential projects. The Plymouth Growth Board was invited to act as this key partnership group and after consultation with the Board, the group has given its positive recommendation on the delivery of this project as a result of the people and skills open call.</li> <li>• To allow and ensure that the project can deliver and spend the UKSPF allocation of money to year 3 (2024/25) before the end of the financial year.</li> <li>• To meet the timelines set out by Government to deliver the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do nothing option: failing to deliver our UKSPF contractual agreements with Government and negative financial implications for applicants.</li> <li>2. Less funding provided: The project would not be able to proceed and achieve the required contractual</li> </ol>

	targets.			
7	<b>Financial implications and risks:</b> This project is fully financed by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. If we do not proceed, this funding could be withdrawn from PCC.			
8	<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <b>Democratic Support</b> 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.	
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <b>Forward Plan of Key Decisions</b>			
9	<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>		This decision highlights how this potential UK Shared Prosperity Fund project is relevant to some chapters of the Plymouth Plan, including Growing City and International City as well as other frameworks including the Climate Emergency Action Plan and Net Zero Action Plan.	
10	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>		The UK Shared Prosperity Fund process incorporates high levels of net zero ambition. This project has the potential to positively impact upon and encourage net zero initiatives; with activities that promote a cleaner and vibrant city.	
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
11	<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	<b>Reason for urgency:</b>			
12b	<b>Scrutiny Chair Signature:</b>		<b>Date</b>	
	<b>Scrutiny Committee name:</b>			
	<b>Print Name:</b>			

Consultation			
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	
		No	x (If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted		
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	x
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place
		Date consulted	11/03/2024
Sign-off			
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS124 23/24
		Finance (mandatory)	CH 11.03.24 1744
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/2342/kt/110324
		Human Resources (if applicable)	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	
		Procurement (if applicable)	
Appendices			
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix	
	A	Briefing report for publication	
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment	
	C	Climate 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

		<b>No</b>	x	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>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 (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
<b>Signature</b>			<b>Date of decision</b>	14 March 2024				
<b>Print Name</b>	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council							