

LEADER'S EXECUTIVE DECISION



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L59 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Brickfields: Relocation of a hockey pitch to Stoke Damerel Community College and budget update
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council
3	Report authors and contact details: Jackie Keith, Project Manager jacqueline.keith@plymouth.gov.uk Matt Ward, Head of Regeneration & Growth, matt.ward@plymouth.gov.uk
4	Decision to be taken: It is recommended that the Leader: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the relocation of the hockey pitch from Brickfields to Stoke Damerel Community College • Grants authority to the Director of Public Health to award a works contract at Stoke Damerel Community College for the installation of a 2G hockey pitch, 3G football pitch, a grass rugby pitch, a small athletics track and flood lighting. Tenders have been sought from specialist contractors approved by the Football Foundation. The appointed contractor will be employed by the Council, and the contract managed by project managers approved by the Football Foundation. • Approves the completion of a legal agreement with Greenshaw Learning Trust (the Trust) for the installation of the new sports facilities at Stoke Damerel Community College (subject to planning permission). This will require the Council, on receipt of the third party financial contributions, to carry out the works, and require the Trust as site owner to facilitate the works, and to enter into an agreement for community use of the new facilities outside of school hours (subject to Department for Education approval). • Approves the allocation of a further £917,944 to the capital programme to be funded by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Football Foundation Grant - £250,000 - Greenshaw Learning Trust Contribution - £432,500 - Section 106 - £53,000 - Service Borrowing – Public Health £182,444
5	Reasons for decision: 1. To improve the provision of sports and health and wellbeing activities throughout Plymouth. 2. To ensure a sustainable long-term future for outdoor sports facilities.

	<p>3. The proposal is to generate more outdoor sports in the city. This plays into three key themes of the plan for sport:-</p> <p>Participation – this will increase the community use around sport and physical activity, widening the different opportunities and ensuring that the offer is more engaging and accessible.</p> <p>Places – the proposal seeks to maximise the potential at Stoke Damerel Community College.</p> <p>Pride – Strengthens the sporting links around the city and making it more accessible to young people in the city.</p>			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Do nothing: The existing facility is currently in a poor state of repair and has been closed since 2022. The facility requires inward investment at a time when the Council is reducing its operating subsidy for council-owned leisure facilities. If the Council does nothing, there will be no inward investment, more facilities will fall into disrepair and the facilities will not align to the needs of the community.</p> <p>Alternative locations: A thorough exercise was undertaken to review the most appropriate site for the relocation of the existing hockey pitch. This included considering the enhancement of existing facilities, as well as the opportunities to provide a new facility. Various sites were considered – some of which were owned by the Council and others which were in third party ownership. Following this review, Stoke Damerel was selected as the preferred location as the Trust was a willing partner, the location of the site is relatively close to Brickfields and therefore serves the west of the city and it would not result in the loss of any existing green spaces or other playing pitches. The location was also supported by England Hockey and other National Governing Bodies including the Football Foundation and Sport England.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications and risks: The proposal will require additional investment from the Council of up to £182,444. However, in the long term the Council will benefit financially from the proposal as the operation of the hockey pitch will no longer require annual revenue and a subsidy from the Council. Furthermore, the Council will no longer have the responsibility of the asset, such as replacement of new pitch surface.</p> <p>The Council's capital investment will be funded from service borrowing and this revenue provision will be available as a result of savings achieved from no longer providing a subsidy for the provision of services at Brickfields.</p> <p>The Council will be responsible for delivering this and will manage the budget and risks in the usual manner.</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</p> <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> <p>in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million</p> <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</p>			

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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:	<p>One of Plymouth's key priorities in its Corporate Plan is "Caring for People and Communities". This proposal supports this priority by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helping to reduce health inequalities; and - Improving the focus on prevention and early intervention. <p>Implication on Medium Term Financial Plan and resource implications:-</p> <p>This proposal will assist in the Council's financial revenue benefit of the running cost of Brickfields as the site will no longer require revenue subsidy from the Council.</p>	
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>As part of the proposal the site will encourage walking, cycling and car sharing.</p> <p>Contractors will be required to provide a waste management plan that set out how waste is reduced during construction.</p>	
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			
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 Sue Dann, Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Sport, Leisure and HR & OD	
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	11/3/2024	

14	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					
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Ruth Harrell					
		Job title	Director of Public Health					
		Date consulted	27/2/2024					
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS130 23/24					
		Finance (mandatory)	CH 12.03.24 0741					
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/3/AC/12/3/24					
		Human Resources (if applicable)						
		Corporate property (if applicable)						
		Procurement (if applicable)						
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	1	Part I Briefing Paper						
	2	Equalities Impact Assessment						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	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 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)				
		No	X					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Part II Briefing Paper Appendix I Budget			X				
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 (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.						
Signature			Date of decision	14 March 2024			
Print Name	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council						