

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a **Cabinet Member**



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L62 23/24

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Highway Capital Allocation 2024/25
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)
3	Report author and contact details: Philip Bellamy (Head of Plymouth Highways) E. phil.bellamy@plymouth.gov.uk Tel. 01752 306947
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To allocate within Capital Programme £8,207,039.98 to fund requirements of the Highway Term Maintenance Contract (Minute 22 of Cabinet 13 September 2016 refers); 2. To approve the business case which outlines delivery for 2024/25. 3. To issue Task Orders for this work under Highway Term Maintenance Contract with South West Highways. <p>Funded by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. £372,039.98 of S106 money for the reinforcement of Laira Cycle Footbridge running decking and the installation of lighting across the main bridge span. II. £1,290,000 DfT Maintenance Block Fund; £1,290,000 Dft Pot Hole Fund; £323,000 DfT incentive Fund; £366,000 DfT Additional Pot Hole Fund 23/24; £366,000 DfT Additional Pot Hole Fund 24/25. III. £4,200,000 Corporate Supported borrowing.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable essential repair and upgrade works to Laira Cycle Bridge; • Enable the delivery of a 2024/25 Capital Programme to facilitate the improvement of the condition of the public highway and discharge our statutory duty to carry out essential works on Highways Maintained At Public Expense; • Reinstating the structural integrity of roads;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving highway drainage and keeping water off the highway; Supporting economic growth in the city by improving our transport network and reputation for quality of roads. 			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do nothing: Rejected, as this would lead to the dramatic, unmitigated deterioration of network condition, increasing risk to public safety, and causing an inability to meet statutory obligations. This would cause full reliance on revenue, with insufficient external funding, and revenue pressure due to loss of time recharges; DfT Funding Only: Rejected as this would lead to the deterioration of the network condition, increased volume of defects, increased volume of claims, increased risk to public safety, and inability to meet statutory obligation. This would result in full reliance on revenue and insufficient external funding, placing future DfT funding allocation at risk; Additional Funding ask to achieve Steady State: Impact = Corporate affordability. 			
7	<p>Financial implications and risk:</p> <p>An addition of £8,207,039.98 to the Capital Programme to fund requirements of the Highway Term Maintenance Contract (Minute 22 of Cabinet 13 September 2016 refers).</p> <p>This is funded by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> £372,039.98 of S106 money for the reinforcement of Laira Cycle Footbridge running decking and the installation of lighting across the main bridge span. £1,290,000 DfT Maintenance Block Fund; £1,290,000 DfT Pot Hole Fund; £323,000 DfT incentive Fund; £366,000 DfT Additional Pot Hole Fund 23/24; £366,000 DfT Additional Pot Hole Fund 24/25. £4,200,000 Corporate Supported borrowing. 			
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:	<p>Fewer Potholes – Earlier intervention and treatments</p> <p>Keeping Children adults and communities safe – Better Quality Highway Network</p> <p>Providing Quality public Services – Best Practice</p> <p>Engaging our Communities – Ward Councillors, Portfolio Holder and community functions</p> <p>Early Intervention- Identifying at early stage (defects)</p> <p>Spending Money Wisely – Best Value and innovation</p> <p>Engaging our staff – being innovative</p>		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>Innovative processes are being adopted by the Highway asset maintenance programme, with reductions being incorporated into the Corporate GHG Monitoring plan.</p> <p>Carbon Impact PDF attached.</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?	<p>Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance)</p> <p>Councillor Mark Coker (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport)</p>		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	Portfolio Holder Meeting 12 th March 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		David Northey				
		Job title		Service Director for Finance				
		Date consulted		13 th March 2024				
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)			DSI38 23/24			
		Finance (mandatory)			LS/00001312/1/LB/15/3/24			
		Legal (mandatory)			CH 14.03.24 1549			
		Human Resources (if applicable)			N/A			
		Corporate property (if applicable)			N/A			
		Procurement (if applicable)			N/A			
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Business Case						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
	C	Climate 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 1 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	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.						
Signature			Date of decision	20/03/2024			
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)						