# **EXECUTIVE DECISION**

## made by a Cabinet Member



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

### Executive Decision Reference Number - L14 24/25

#### Decision L Title of decision: Mount Edgcumbe: English Garden House (EGH) Roof Replacement Scheme 2 Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of The Council) 3 Report author and contact details: David Marshall (Business Development Manager) 4 Decision to be taken: I. Approves the Business Case 2. Allocates £326,000 into the Capital Programme, financed by £256,000 from DEFRA, £50,000 from Historic England and £20,000 from Friends of Mount Edgcumbe 5 **Reasons for decision:** The English Garden House is a Grade 11\* listed building located in the lower gardens at Mount Edgcumbe Country Park, that receive 250,00 visitors a year. The house retains many of its original features as a 'Pleasure House', including a sunken bath and intricate 18th century woodwork. In its current state the building remains inaccessible for public access with considerable water ingress, condemned electrical infrastructure and is included as a structure on the 'At Risk' register. Restoration of the roof and associated drainage work is required to protect the listed interior and the artefacts that are within it. For works to begin, the project requires approval, and an allocation of £326,000 into the Capital Programme, financed by £256,000 from DEFRA, £50,000 from Historic England, and £20,000 from Friends of Mount Edgcumbe. 6 Alternative options considered and rejected: I. No action - Rejected as this would lead to further deterioration of the building, exposing MECP to potential fines from Historic England (and legal insistence that work be undertaken to address the roof), as well as ongoing safety issues and risks to the listed interior. 2. Ongoing maintenance patchwork - Rejected as would lead to higher annual costs and perpetuate the slow decline of a unique and listed asset. 7 Financial implications and risks: Financial Implications: £326,000 has been secured for the project, financed by £256,000 from DEFRA, £50,000 from Historic England, and £20,000 from Friends of Mount Edgcumbe. Due to tight grant funding timelines, the project is potentially susceptible to overspend. This will be mitigated by close management by Plymouth City Council's Capital Projects Team. 8 Is the decision a Key Decision? Yes No Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which: (please contact Democratic Support for further advice) Х in the case of **capital** projects and

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16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:		Democratic Support (mandatory)			DS45 24/25			
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