

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL OFFICER

Executive Decision Reference Number – *COD31 24/25*

Decision				
1	Title of decision: Armada Way Independent Learning Review – Commissioning of Chair and Learning Review Members			
2	Decision maker (Council Officer name and job title): Liz Bryant – Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer			
3	Report author and contact details: Liz Bryant (liz.bryant@plymouth.gov.uk)			
4a	Decision to be taken: Appointment of the Learning Review Chair, Legal/Governance expert and Planning and Regeneration expert.			
4b	Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made: Authority delegated to the Monitoring Officer by Cabinet on 20 May 2024.			
5	Reasons for decision: On 20 July 2023 the Leader of the Council announced his commitment to conduct an independent learning review into the Armada Way decision taken 14 March 2023 by the Leader at the time. The Order dismissing the subsequent Judicial Review proceedings confirmed this commitment and made directions around the conduct of the learning review. This included the commissioning of independent reviewers. An appropriate Independent Chair and learning review members have now been selected and this decision appoints those members.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Alternative options would include not undertaking the ILR however this would result in a breach of the Court Order. For that reason, this option is rejected			
7	Financial implications and risks: None as a direct result of this report other than the cost of the ILR itself which remains unknown at this time.			
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: in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new
			x	

				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 £1million
			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.
8b	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions			
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:		Conducting the ILR supports the Council's mission to make Plymouth a fairer city and its beliefs in democracy, responsibility, fairness and co-operation. It will provide an opportunity for the Council to hear what others have to say and demonstrate an understanding of the impact of its decisions and actions.	
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)		It is not anticipated that the proposed action will cause any adverse environmental impacts.	

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 for advice)
		No	x	(If no, go to section 13a)


12a	Reason for urgency:			
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12b	Scrutiny Chair signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			

Consultation

13a	Which Cabinet Member's portfolio does this decision relate to?	N/A		
13b	Date Cabinet Member consulted	N/A		
13c	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	x	(If no go to section 14)

I3d	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?		
I3e	Date other Cabinet member(s) 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	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Liz Bryant
		Job title	Head of Legal and MO
		Date consulted	13 November 2024
Sign-off			
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS69 24/25
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.24.25.126
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00003626/5/LB/14/11/24
		Human Resources (if applicable)	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	
		Procurement (if applicable)	
Appendices			
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix	
	A	Armada Way Independent Learning Review Appointment Briefing Note	
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 publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in I8b below.
		No	
		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 1 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 Report 20 May 2024								
Council Officer Signature								
20	<p>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.</p>							
Signature		Date of decision						
					14/11/2024			
Print Name	Liz Bryant							