

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L34 24/25

Decision						
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> School Condition Works 2024/25					
2	<b>Decision maker:</b> Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council					
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Ian Baker, T +441752307320, E <a href="mailto:ian.baker@plymouth.gov.uk">ian.baker@plymouth.gov.uk</a>					
4	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To approve the Business Case;</li> <li>To delegate the award of contracts to the Service Director for Education Participation and Skills where they would not otherwise have the authority to do so;</li> <li>To allocate £339,280.88 to the Capital Programme, financed by DfE School Condition Grant (90%) and Schools Contributions (10%) (figure includes contingency amount)</li> </ol>					
5	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To carry out the proposed Programme of Condition Works, removing / reducing the H &amp; S issues to increase the life expectancy of the school building by reducing condition damage and making the schools watertight.</li> <li>The schools require maintenance which is sometimes unaffordable, as the LA we are responsible for ensuring that the schools are maintained to a safe standard which ensure public, staff and students' health and safety, enabling them to work in appropriately maintained buildings.</li> </ol>					
6	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Option 1</b> Do Nothing. This option was discounted for all sites because of Health and Safety/Safeguarding issues.</li> <li><b>Option 2</b> Close the school and transport children to other schools. This option was discounted because of the increased transport cost and the disruption in education this would cause for all pupils. It would also have an adverse effect on staff employed at the various sites. Children are required to attend a school for education which is in a satisfactory state of repair.</li> </ol>					
7	<b>Financial implications and risks:</b> If the works are not carried out, the individual situations will deteriorate further adding additional cost.					
8	<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>No</td> <td rowspan="2"> <b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b>             in the case of <b>capital</b> projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in         </td> </tr> <tr> <td>x</td> </tr> </table>	No	<b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b>  in the case of <b>capital</b> projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in	x	
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				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> annually
			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.
	<b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></b>	N/A		
<b>9</b>	<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>	<p>Keeping children, adults and communities safe. The proposal supports the residents of Plymouth, ensuring that all pupils, regardless of who they are to have access to suitable buildings supporting a brilliant start in education:</p> <p>Spending money wisely. These proposals contribute to providing a reduced building repair cost by tackling the worst issues within our school premises and providing all of our staff and pupils and education in suitable premises and providing a quality public service.</p> <p>The proposal utilises the Education Condition funding from the DfE to ensure suitable facilities, reducing financial risk to the Council, with no Financial Borrowing.</p>		
<b>10</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well maintained buildings reduce the overall carbon emissions.</li> <li>Reduces energy usage and costs.</li> <li>Providing an environmentally friendly solution. Reducing pupil travel to outside city locations.</li> </ul>		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
<b>11</b>	<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>
<b>12a</b>	<b>Reason for urgency:</b>			
<b>12b</b>	<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		(If no go to section I4)	
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Cresswell, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships	
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	30/10/2024	
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	David Haley
		Job title	Director of Children's Services
		Date consulted	30 October 2024
Sign-off			
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS85 24/25
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.24.25.133
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/3/AC/19/11/24
		Procurement (if applicable)	
		Corporate property (decisions involving Council owned land or facilities) (if applicable)	
		Human Resources (if applicable)	
Appendices			
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix	
	A	Briefing report for publication	
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment	
	C	Climate Impact Assessment	
	D	School Condition Business Case	
Confidential/exempt information			
I8a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for	

		<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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>		17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025			
<b>Print Name</b>	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council							