

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – COD34 24/25

Decision				
1	Title of decision: Contract Award: A38 Manadon Interchange Survey			
2	Decision maker: Paul Barnard. Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure			
3	Report author and contact details: Sally Farley. Strategic Transport Manager			
4a	Decision to be taken: Award of contract to Balfour Beatty to undertake surveys along the A38.			
4b	Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made: Executive Decision L28 24/25 – Published 08/01/2025			
5	Reasons for decision: To undertake essential surveys, which would underpin any future improvements along the A38.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Not to award the contract to carry out the surveys. Rejected as this would mean time critical surveys would not go ahead.			
7	Financial implications and risks: The cost of this contract award is £1,901,486.04. The funding for this award has already been accounted for within the approved capital project budget. (Executive Decision L28 24/25 – Published 08/01/2025)			
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 £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:	<p>The A38 Manadon Interchange currently experiences significant congestion and delays, particularly at peak times, and is one of the worst performing junctions on the South West Strategic Road Network.</p> <p>The Interchange therefore acts as a significant constraint on development and the bringing forward of new jobs and homes within the city, particularly on the Northern Corridor and City Centre.</p> <p>As well as delays, journey times are unreliable, making it difficult for people to attend appointments in time at Derriford Hospital.</p> <p>The surveys would be required for any future improvements along the A38.</p> <p>This delivers on the following priorities from the corporate plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An efficient transport network • Economic growth that benefits as many people as possible 		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>Improvements would incorporate high-quality infrastructure for walking and cycling</p> <p>Journey times for buses on the major bus corridor linking the City Centre to northern Plymouth would be improved, reducing carbon emissions from vehicle transport.</p> <p>Environmental enhancements would be an integral part, opening up of areas of greenspace, and providing extensive landscaping and tree-planting.</p> <p>Drainage works would incorporate measures to provide improved resilience to the risk of flooding.</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 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				
I3a	Which Cabinet Member's portfolio does this decision relate to?	Councillor Coker, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport		
I3b	Date Cabinet Member consulted	07 January 2025		
I3c	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	X	(If no go to section I4)
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	X	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Karime Hassan	
		Job title	Interim Strategic Director for Growth	
		Date consulted	07/11/2024	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS95 24/25	
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.24.25.153	
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/1/ AC/30/1/25	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)	HG/PS/770/ED/ 0125	
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Briefing Report (Part I)		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment		

	C	Climate Impact Assessment						
Confidential/exempt information								
I 8a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 I 8b below.				
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I 8b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing Report • Procurement Decision Record 							
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 I 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
Council Officer 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	31.1.25			
Print Name	Paul Barnard							