

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a **Cabinet Member**




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L37 24/25

Decision					
1	Title of decision: Midland House Decant – Request for Additional Funding				
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)				
3	Report author and contact details: Nathan Sanders (Programme Manager). Nathan.sanders@plymouth.gov.uk ; 01752 307780				
4	Decision to be taken: 1. Approves the business case; 2. Allocates £213,798.26 to the capital programme, funded by service borrowing.				
5	Reasons for decision: The additional expenditure to vacate Midland House has been caused largely by the increased cost of the fit-out works to Ballard House, to accommodate Children's Services teams. The main contract for the works was significantly higher than anticipated and there have been a number of variations and scope changes to the project. The budget position has been reported regularly to the New Ways of Working Programme Board and it was agreed that the additional funding request would be dealt with in-year.				
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: No additional funding added to the project budget. This would mean that the budget cannot be balanced as the works are completed and the expenditure has already been incurred.				
7	Financial implications and risk: The additional budget of £213,798.26 will be repaid from service borrowing as set out in the accompanying business case.				
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (Please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes		Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:	
			No		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.
	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:	This project directly supports the corporate priority to keep young people, children and adults protected through providing fit-for-purpose accommodation for staff and clients.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	There is no direct environmental implication to this decision for additional funding. However, the project to vacate Midland House is enabling the Council to reduce its carbon footprint as the building will be declared surplus to requirements. A Climate Impact Assessment is attached.		
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)
12 a	Reason for urgency:			
12 b	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?	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development and Communities)		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	23 January 2025		

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	Jens Gemmel					
		Job title	Interim Chief Operating Officer					
		Date consulted	13/01/2025					
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS96 24/25					
		Finance (mandatory)	DJN.24.25.146					
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/2/AC/14/1/25					
		Human Resources (if applicable)	n/a					
		Corporate property (if applicable)	FM/250113/001					
		Procurement (if applicable)	n/a					
Appendices								
17	Re f.	Title of appendix						
	A	Briefing report for publication						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
	C	Climate Impact Assessment						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	X	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 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No						
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:			X				

	Midland House decant additional funding business case							
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 Member 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	12 th February 2025				
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council).							