

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – COD41 24/25

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Royal Parade Bus Improvement Scheme Construction Contract Award
2	Decision maker: Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure
3	Report author and contact details: Sarah McVeigh, Strategic Transport Programme Coordinator, Ballard House, West Hoe Road, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ, 01752 308855
4a	Decision to be taken: Approve the award of contract for construction of the Royal Parade Bus Improvement Scheme to Morgan Sindall up to the total value of £5,000,000 (Ex VAT)
4b	Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made: L43 19/20 Tranche 2: Transforming Cities Fund
5	Reasons for decision: Provides authorisation to award the construction contract and deliver the Royal Parade Bus Improvement Scheme
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Without authority to proceed there are a number of consequences: We would need to return the Transforming Cities Funding to the Department for Transport This in turn would make it more difficult to secure funding in the future. This in turn would delay investment in infrastructure needed to bring forward the growth of the city. This could undermine the delivery of the Joint Local Plan This would ultimately impact upon the growth of the city.
7	Financial implications and risks: The full construction price will be funded by the Royal Parade Bus Improvement Scheme capital funding.
8	Legal Implications and risks: (for completion by Legal Officers) None.

9a	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 £1 million , annually
			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.
9b	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	01/10/2024		
10	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>Supporting the Joint Local Plan (JLP) through the delivery of schemes on the Infrastructure Needs Assessment and supporting the policies of the JLP, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy SPT9, Strategic principles for transport planning and strategy <p>We will deliver an integrated approach to transport and planning, delivering a strategic approach to transport based upon the following key principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suitable growth as a key driver behind the transport strategy within Plymouth, whilst making sure that transport is delivered in the most health promoting and environmentally responsible manner; 4, Seeking to reduce the impact of severance caused by transport networks, enabling more journeys by walking, cycling and public transport and providing genuine alternative ways to travel from home to work and other facilities; 5. Providing realistic sustainable transport choices and increasing the integration of transport modes so that people have genuine alternative ways to travel. 8. Adopting a hierarchy of transport modes and routes based upon different spatial settings (regional, city, market town and neighbourhood / billage). <p>Partnership working, with local and regional partners, realising greater benefits over the life of the plan and beyond.</p> <p>The Transforming Cities Fund provides that opportunity to accelerate investment in sustainable modes in the city. This type of investment will be fundamental to achieving our carbon neutral ambitions by 2030. The investment in bus infrastructure will help to provide residents with high quality</p>		

		public transport options, better connecting places of work with places of residence. This scheme also forms part of the Bus Service Improvement Plan, which directly delivers on the corporate Net Zero commitment: T6 - Low carbon transport partnerships.		
11	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	The scheme specific Climate Impact Assessment demonstrated either positive impacts or no/neutral impacts.		
Urgent decisions				
12a	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)
12b	Reason for urgency:			
12c	Scrutiny Chair signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
13a	Which Cabinet Member's portfolio does this decision relate to?	Councillor Coker, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport		
13b	Date Cabinet Member consulted	On-going via regular Portfolio Holder 1-2-1s. Most recently communication on 24/03/2025		
13c	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	X	(If no go to section 14)
13d	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
13e	Date other Cabinet member(s) consulted			
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		Name	Gary Walbridge	

	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Job title	Strategic Director for Adults, Health & Communities (delegated Director for Growth)					
		Date consulted	21/03/2025					
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS125 24/25					
		Finance (mandatory)	OW.24.25.103					
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/3/AC/24/3/25					
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A					
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A					
		Procurement (if applicable)	SN/PS/780/ED/0325					
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Part I Briefing Report_Royal Parade Final						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment_Roya Parade						
	C	Climate Impact Assessment_Royal Parade						
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.				
		No						
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:			X				
	CONFIDENTIAL Part II Procurement Decision Record Royal Parade_Final							
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 I 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
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		24/03/2025		
Print Name		Paul Barnard, Service Director (SP&I)						