

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by Leader of the Council



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L35 24/25

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Active Travel Fund 5
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)
3	Report author and contact details: Maria Kotowska (Transport Planning Officer)
4	<p>Decision to be taken: It is recommended that the Leader of the Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepts the external funding offer as referred to in the Business Case and allocates £280,245 of external funding into the capital programme and £36,059 to the revenue programme, funded by Active Travel England; <p>Project Delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking and cycling minor improvements - Colesdown Hill Under Bridge Walking and Cycling Scheme - Secure cycle parking <p>Project Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forder Valley Road West <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Approves the business case; 3. Authorises the procurement process; 4. Delegates the authority to award the contract(s) and enter into any agreements in relation to the funding (including the funding agreement itself) to the Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure where they do not already have authority to do so.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>To provide authorisation to receive and spend the external funding awarded to Plymouth City Council.</p> <p>Active Travel England have recently allocated funding to Plymouth City Council. Objectives of the funding scheme are as follows:</p> <p>Scheme construction, particularly those that can be delivered quickly</p> <p>Change control to unblock existing ATF schemes</p> <p>Essential maintenance to address safety concerns</p> <p>Early development funding for projects that are funded in the next spending round</p>

	The proposals put forward by Plymouth City Council provide changes required to enhance road safety and enable more people to walk and cycle so improving health and equality of access to opportunities. Whilst each of the elements are different, all are responding to a clear need.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Do not receive external funding awarded to Plymouth City Council. Rejected: We would not be able to enhance our network to support the uptake in sustainable transport activities and respond to the Climate Emergency.			
7	Financial implications and risks: £280,245 of external funding to be added to the Capital Programme for the delivery of the programme. £36,059 of external funding to be added to the Revenue Programme for the delivery of the programme. There are no financial implications for Plymouth City Council. Risks: Non delivery of the programme will result in the return of funding. Non acceptance of the funding limits our ability to enhance the network and could put future funding awards at risk.			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice) Please type an X into the relevant boxes	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:	Supports the policies of the Joint Local Plan (JLP), specifically: - Policy SPT9, Strategic principles for transport planning and strategy We will deliver an integrated approach to transport and planning, delivering a strategic approach to transport based upon the following key principles: 1. Suitable growth as a key driver behind the transport strategy within Plymouth, whilst making sure that		

		<p>transport is delivered in the most health promoting and environmentally responsible manner;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>5. Providing realistic sustainable transport choices and increasing the integration of transport modes so that people have genuine alternative ways to travel.</p> <p>8. Adopting a hierarchy of transport modes and routes based upon different spatial settings (regional, city, market town and neighbourhood / village).</p>		
I0	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>Supports the Climate Emergency declaration of March 2019 by promoting the uptake of low carbon modes of transport in the city.</p> <p>A climate Impact Assessment is attached.</p>		
Urgent decisions				
I1	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	X	(If no, go to section I3a)
I2a	Reason for urgency:			
I2b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes	X	
		No		(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Mark Coker (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport)		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	29/11/2024		

I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision? Please type an X into the relevant box	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		20/01/2025			
Sign-off							
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)			JS100 24/25		
		Finance (mandatory)			DJN.24.25.141		
		Legal (mandatory)			LS/2960(34)/JP/231224		
		Procurement (if applicable)			SN/PS/766/ED/1224		
		Corporate property (decisions involving Council owned land or facilities) (if applicable)			N/A		
		Human Resources (if applicable)			N/A		
Appendices							
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix					
	A	Briefing Report Active Travel Fund 5					
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment Active Travel Fund 5					
	C	Climate Impact Assessment Active Travel Fund 5					
	D	Business Case Active Travel Fund 5					
Confidential/exempt information							
I8a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information? Please type an X into the relevant box	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. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)			
		No	X				
		Exemption Paragraph Number					
		I	2	3	4	5	6

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 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 (2010) 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)						