

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – L01 25/26

Decision				
1	Title of decision: Royal Parade Bus Improvement Scheme Business Case Change Request			
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)			
3	Report author and contact details: Sarah McVeigh (Strategic Transport Programme Co-ordinator) (T) 01752 308855 (E) sarah.mcveigh@plymouth.gov.uk			
4	Decision to be taken: 1. Approves the Business Case Change Request to defer the programme 2. Allocates £248,058 for the project from the existing Capital Programme funded by the Department for Transport's 2025/26 Bus Grant funding			
5	Reasons for decision: 1. To adjust the construction programme timescales to minimise the impact on important city centre events 2. Approval required to reallocate existing capital funding to deliver the revised programme following further discussion with key stakeholders			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: 1. Postpone construction works until later in the summer. This was rejected due to higher increased costs and reduced opportunity to complete and open up the areas close to the piazza in time for the Christmas event period. 2. Do not proceed with the scheme. This was rejected due to the Council's commitment to investing in the city's bus infrastructure to support public transport and delivering the Transforming Cities and Bus Grant programmes. The construction contract has also been awarded.			
7	Financial implications and risks: The programme adjustments require £248,058 to be reallocated from the existing capital programme, funded by the Department for Transport's 2025/26 Bus Grant. The terms of the grant require this funding allocation to be spent in full by March 2027, which will be achieved.			
8	Legal Implications: (For completion by Legal Officers) There are no legal implications arising directly from adding additional funds to the capital programme. Any risks associated with the business case change are addressed within the Business Case Change Request along with associated mitigations.			
9	Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision

	<p>(please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p> <p>Please type an X into the relevant boxes</p>			<p>is one which:</p>
			X	<p>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</p>
			X	<p>in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million annually</p>
			X	<p>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.</p>
	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p>			
10	<p>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>	<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 public transport options, better connecting places of work with places of residence.</p>		

		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)	None. 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? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes No	 X	(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice) (If no, go to section 13a)
12b	Reason for urgency:			
12c	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes No	X 	 (If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) Councillor John Stephens (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport)		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	30 May 2025		
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes No	 X	If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name		Tracey Lee
		Job title		Chief Executive
		Date consulted		30 May 2025

Sign-off							
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS05 25/26				
		Finance (mandatory)	OW.25.26.010				
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00003610/9/LB/04/06/2025				
		Procurement (if applicable)	SN/PS/786/ED/0525				
		Corporate property (decisions involving Council owned land or facilities) (if applicable)	N/A				
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A				
Appendices							
17	Ref.	Title of appendix					
	A	Briefing Report, Royal Parade					
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment, Royal Parade					
	C	Climate Impact Assessment, Royal Parade					
Confidential/exempt information							
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information? Please type an X into the relevant box	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
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 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
2025.06.02 Royal Parade Business Change Request				X				
Cabinet Member 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 (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature				Date of decision		05/06/2025		
Print Name		Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)						