

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a **Cabinet Member**




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L09 25/26

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Highway Capital Investment Programme 2025/26
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)
3	Report author and contact details: Philip Bellamy (Head of Plymouth Highways) E. phil.bellamy@plymouth.gov.uk Tel. 01752 306947
4	Decision to be taken: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the business case; 2. To allocate and add to the Capital Programme £6,602,336.87 Capital budget into Street Services – Highways 2025/26 Capital Programme funded by £2,000,000 corporate borrowing and £4,602,336.87 of Department for Transport (DfT) Funding.
5	Reasons for decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable essential repair and upgrade works to Laira Bridge; • Enable the delivery of a 2025/26 Capital Programme to facilitate the improvement of the condition of the public highway and discharge our statutory duty to carry out essential works on Highways Maintained at Public Expense; • Maintaining and Improving highway surface water drainage • Supporting economic growth in the city by maintaining our transport network and reputation for quality of roads.
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do nothing: Rejected, as this would lead to the dramatic, unmitigated deterioration of network condition, increasing risk to public safety, and causing an inability to meet statutory obligations. This would cause full reliance on revenue, with insufficient external funding, and revenue pressure due to loss of time recharges; 2. DfT Funding Only: Rejected as this would lead to the deterioration of the network condition, increased volume of defects, increased volume of claims, increased risk to public safety, and inability to meet statutory obligation. This would result in full reliance on revenue and insufficient external funding, placing future DfT funding allocation at risk;

	3. Additional Funding ask to achieve Steady State: Impact = Corporate affordability.			
7	Financial implications and risk: An addition of £6,602,336.87 to the capital programme to fund requirements of the Highways terms maintenance contract. This is funded by: 1) Department for Transport Funding as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance Block Baseline £3,352,000; • New Funding allocation of £1,175,000, 25% of which will be withheld pending compliance; • Approval of incentive funding transparency return and audit of process/programme; • HMB Highways Maintenance Blocks Additional funding: £75,336.87; 2) £2,000,000 of Corporate Borrowing. There is a compliance risk with 25% of the new DFT funding allocation, this would be mitigated through the Highways Maintenance commitment.			
8	Legal Implications: None.			
9	Is the decision a Key Decision? (Please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	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 <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			
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer Potholes – Earlier intervention and treatments • Keeping Children adults and communities safe – Better quality Highway Network • Providing Quality public Services – Best Practice • Engaging our communities – Ward Councillors, Portfolio Holder and community functions • Early Intervention- Identifying at early stage (defects) • Spending Money Wisely – Best Value and innovation • Engaging our staff – being innovative 		
11	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	Innovative processes are being adopted by the Highway asset maintenance programme, with reductions being incorporated into the Corporate GHG Monitoring plan. A Climate Impact Assessment is attached.		
Urgent decisions				

12	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)
12a Reason for urgency:				
12b	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 Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) Councillor John Stephens (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport)		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	24 March 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	Glenn Caplin-Grey	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Growth	
		Date consulted	24/7/25	
Sign-off				
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS22 25/26	
		Finance (mandatory)	ITG.25.26.041	
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/1/AC/9/6/25	
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A	
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A	
Appendices				

17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Business Case						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
	C	Climate Impact Assessment						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	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 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No	x					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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
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 and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature				Date of decision		11/8/2025		
Print Name		Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)						