

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer




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

Executive Decision Reference Number – **COD03 25/26**

Decision				
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> A38 Manadon Interchange – Ground Investigations (Phase 2)			
2	<b>Decision maker:</b> Paul Barnard (Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure)			
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Robin Saines (Transport Planning Officer)			
4a	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> To award a contract to Balfour Beatty to undertake Ground Investigation surveys in and around the local road network of the A38 Manadon Interchange.			
4b	<b>Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made:</b> <a href="#">Cabinet – 07/07/25</a>			
5	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> To undertake essential Ground Investigation surveys that will provide the data to inform the next stage of design and underpin the areas of improvement on the local PCC network.			
6	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> Not to award the contract to carry out the surveys. Rejected as this would mean essential information is not available to progress the design of the scheme.			
7	<b>Financial implications and risks:</b> The cost of this contract award is £1,482,816.03. The funding for this award has already been accounted for within the approved capital project budget development funding that was approved by Cabinet on 07/07/25.			
8	<b>Legal Implications and risks:</b> No legal issues arising from this report			
9a	<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)	Yes	No	<b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b>
			X	in the case of <b>capital</b> projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of <b>£3million</b> in total
			X	in the case of <b>revenue</b> projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of <b>£1 million</b> , annually
			X	is <b>significant</b> in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising <b>two or more</b> wards in the area of the local authority.

<b>9b</b>	<b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></b>							
<b>10</b>	<b>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:</b>	<p>The A38 Manadon Interchange currently experiences significant congestion and delays, particularly at peak times, and is one of the worst performing junctions on the South West Strategic Road Network.</p> <p>The Interchange therefore acts as a significant constraint on development and the bringing forward of new jobs and homes within the city, particularly on the Northern Corridor and City Centre.</p> <p>As well as delays, journey times are unreliable, making it difficult for people to attend appointments in time at Derriford Hospital.</p> <p>This delivers on the following priorities from the corporate plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fewer potholes, cleaner, greener streets and transport.</li> <li>• Build more homes – for social rent and affordable ownership.</li> <li>• Green investment, jobs, skills and better education.</li> </ul>						
<b>11</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	<p>The A38 Manadon Interchange scheme would incorporate high-quality infrastructure for walking and cycling including a new cycle bridge over the A38, which will provide a step-change in facilities.</p> <p>The scheme would reduce journey times for buses on the major bus corridor linking the City Centre to northern Plymouth and will reduce carbon emissions from vehicle transport.</p> <p>Environmental enhancements are included as an integral part of the scheme, through opening up of areas of greenspace, and providing extensive landscaping and tree-planting.</p>						
<b>Urgent decisions</b>								
<b>12a</b>	<b>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Yes</b></td><td></td><td>(If yes, please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for advice)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>No</b></td><td><b>X</b></td><td>(If no, go to section 13a)</td></tr> </table>	<b>Yes</b>		(If yes, please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for advice)	<b>No</b>	<b>X</b>	(If no, go to section 13a)
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<b>12b</b>	<b>Reason for urgency:</b>							
<b>12c</b>	<b>Scrutiny Chair signature:</b>	<b>Date</b>						
	<b>Scrutiny Committee name:</b>							
	<b>Print Name:</b>							
<b>Consultation</b>								
<b>13a</b>	<b>Which Cabinet Member's portfolio does this decision relate to?</b>	Councillor John Stephens (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport)						

<b>I3b</b>	<b>Date Cabinet Member consulted</b>	29 July 2025		
<b>I3c</b>	<b>Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		
		<b>No</b>	<b>X</b>	(If no go to section I4)
<b>I3d</b>	<b>Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?</b>	Councillor Tom Briars-Delve (Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change)		
<b>I3e</b>	<b>Date other Cabinet member(s) consulted</b>	29 July 2025		
<b>I4</b>	<b>Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		<b>No</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>I5</b>	<b>Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?</b>	<b>Name</b>	Glen Caplin-Grey	
		<b>Job title</b>	Strategic Director for Growth	
		<b>Date consulted</b>	31 July 2025	
<b>Sign-off</b>				
<b>I6</b>	<b>Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:</b>	<b>Democratic Support (mandatory)</b>	JS2I 25/26	
		<b>Finance (mandatory)</b>	OW.25.26.069	
		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	LS/00001312/2/AC/24/7/25	
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>	N/A	
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>	N/A	
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>	KK/PS/792/ED/0725	
<b>Appendices</b>				
<b>I7</b>	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>		
	A	Briefing report (Part I)		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment		
	C	Climate Impact Assessment		
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>				
<b>I8a</b>	<b>Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>X</b>	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 <b>I8b</b> below.
		<b>No</b>		

		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>18b</b>	<b>Confidential/exempt briefing report title:</b>			x				
	Briefing Report (Part 2)							
	Procurement Decision Record			x				
<b>Background Papers</b>								
<b>19</b>	<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>							
<b>Title of background paper(s)</b>		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Council Officer Signature</b>								
<b>20</b>	<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>							
<b>Signature</b>			<b>Date of decision</b>		18/08/2025			
<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Paul Barnard</b> MRTPI, CIHM, FAcSS, MBE Service Director (SP&I)							