

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer



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


Executive Decision Reference Number – COD15 25/26

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Woolwell to The George Transport Scheme: Phase 2 Construction
2	Decision maker: Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure
3	Report author and contact details: Leana Hannon leana.hannon@plymouth.gov.uk
4a	Decision to be taken: To approve the award of the construction contract for Phase 2 of the Woolwell to The George Transport Scheme to Balfour Beatty. The value of this contract is £16.063 million.
4b	Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made: Cabinet, 09 November 2021 – Minute 201
5	Reasons for decision: To enable construction of Woolwell to The George Phase 2 which is to be delivered through the Scape Procure Civil Engineering & Infrastructure Framework. The scheme includes the widening of Tavistock Road between The George junction and Woolwell Roundabout to provide two lanes in each direction, replacement of Woolwell Roundabout with a signalised junction and significant walking and cycling improvements.
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Do not award the construction contract: This has been rejected. The scheme is vital to the programme to provide better links to and from the north of Plymouth as it grows with £24.9 million UK Government funding secured to support its delivery. This grant funding would have to be repaid if the scheme is not progressed and Phase 1 has recently been completed. Other options including reducing the scope and value of the project have also been considered and rejected. Value engineering has been undertaken throughout and the scope has already been reduced as far as possible without jeopardising the project's overall objectives and significant external funding secured for its delivery.
7	Financial implications and risks: The cost of this contract award is £16.063 million. Funding has already been accounted for within the approved capital project budget. External Transforming Cities (TCF) and Levelling Up (LUF) funding has been secured to deliver the Woolwell to The George scheme, and failure to deliver within the defined timescales could result in loss of funding and reputational damage to the Council.

8	Legal Implications and risks: External legal advice has been taken on the terms of the contract. Risks are set out in the part II paper.			
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 £1million , 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	19 November 2025		
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:	Fewer potholes, cleaner, greener streets, and transport: This Scheme will improve journey times and reduce congestion while improving the resilience of the transport network in the north of the city. Build more homes – for social rent and affordable ownership: The Scheme will provide a key piece of infrastructure required to help deliver the 4,412 new homes identified in the Derriford and Northern Corridor Growth Area. Green investment, jobs, skills and better education: The Scheme will provide a comprehensive landscape plan and environmental management and enhancement plan which not only mitigates the Scheme's impact but will provide a net gain in biodiversity. The Plymouth Plan: The Scheme is specifically identified in PLY44 and supports- Strategic Objective 1: Delivering a Healthy City “Providing a safe, efficient, accessible and health-enabling transport network which supports freedom of movement and active travel and promotes low carbon lifestyles. Policy HEA6: Delivering a safe, efficient, accessible,		

		sustainable and health-enabling transport system. Policy GR04: Using transport investment to drive growth.		
I I	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>A Climate Impact Assessment has been completed for this decision and is attached as an appendix.</p> <p>The works include some vegetation clearance and tree removal. A full landscaping mitigation plan will be implemented.</p>		
Urgent decisions				
I 2a	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 I 3a)
I 2b	Reason for urgency:			
I 2c	Scrutiny Chair signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
I 3a	Which Cabinet Member's portfolio does this decision relate to?	Councillor Stephens, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport		
I 3b	Date Cabinet Member consulted	11 September 2025		
I 3c	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	X	(If no go to section I 4)
I 3d	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
I 3e	Date other Cabinet member(s) consulted			
I 4	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	
I 5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Glenn Caplin-Grey	
		Job title	Director for Growth	

		Date consulted	12 September 2025					
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS56 25/26					
		Finance (mandatory)	OW2025.104					
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/2/AC/I 7/12/25					
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A					
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A					
		Procurement (if applicable)	SN/PS/811/ED/1225					
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	WTTG Phase 2 Construction Contract Award – Briefing report for publication						
	B	WTTG Phase 2 Construction Equalities Impact Assessment						
	C	WTTG Climate Impact Assessment						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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	<input type="checkbox"/>					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	Procurement Decision Record							
	Contract Award Part II							
Background Papers								
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.							
	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.							
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		18.12.2025		
Print Name	Paul Barnard, Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure						