

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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

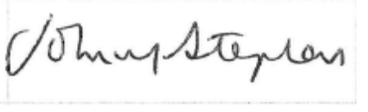
Executive Decision Reference Number – SPT16 25/26

Decision	
1	Title of decisions: THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH (TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS) (TAXI RANKS) (AMENDMENT ORDER NO. 2025.2137344 – ROYAL PARADE) ORDER
2	Decision maker: Councillor John Stephens (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport)
3	Report author and contact details: Amy Neale, Highway Safety Engineer, email: trafficmanagementinbox@plymouth.gov.uk & Karen Renshaw, Senior Project & Contract Manager
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <p>To implement the following amendments to The City of Plymouth (Traffic Regulation Orders) (Taxi Ranks) (Consolidation) Order 2022:</p> <p>The effect of the order shall be to Add/Amend the Taxi Rank on Royal Parade</p> <p>Included in this scheme was also an upgraded Toucan crossing on Royal Parade Approx. 226m metres west of St Andrews Cross roundabout.</p>
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>The Royal Parade bus improvement scheme has been designed to reduce congestion and improve the reliability of bus services to and from the city centre by increasing the number of bus stops on the eastbound side.</p> <p>There are over 100 buses every hour – making it the city’s busiest bus interchange – with over nine million passenger journeys from or to Royal Parade every year. The scheme aims to reduce delays at this key point by cutting the queues and double stacking of buses, making services more reliable and helping to make going by bus a more attractive option than the private car.</p> <p>The developed plans focus on the eastbound side of Royal Parade between Derry’s Cross and St. Andrew’s Cross and include:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Redesigning the road with a shallow saw-tooth layout to increase the number of bus stops from 12 to 15, to prevent double stacking, unnecessary idling and improve air quality. This will improve bus manoeuvrability and safety by reducing the need for buses to reverse out and ensure passengers can get on and off from the pavement.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Clearer and easier information about where and what bus to get in the new shelters and upgraded Real Time Passenger Information displays.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">New, bigger shelters to make it easier for people with pushchairs or wheelchairs to use them. They will have living roofs to support biodiversity.</p>

	<p>An upgraded toucan crossing at Armada Way for both pedestrians and cyclists. Average speed camera system to replace existing static cameras, supporting a safe environment for pedestrians.</p> <p>As part of the movement of the bus stops, the Taxi rank is proposed to move slightly closer to the St Andrews Roundabout.</p>			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>1. Do nothing – This would not have provided long term benefits for the transport infrastructure and public realm. This option would not enable an expansion of the bus service and would not tackle the issue of congestion and double stacking that was being experienced on Royal Parade</p> <p>2. Alternative design which did not include a saw tooth layout – This would not have provided long term benefits for the bus infrastructure and public realm. This does not enable an increase of three bus stops.</p> <p>3. Alternative design which does not include provision of Toucan or moving the taxi rank – This was rejected due to the opportunity to improve the cycling infrastructure and enable a legitimate route between the north and south side of Royal Parade. Changing the location of the taxi rank has minimal impact on the taxi service and the new location is in a better position as it would otherwise be located between two bus stops.</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>The Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) and associated works are being funded by Bus Grant 25/26, Section 106 and Corporate Borrowing. Costs incurred earlier in the project were funded by Transforming Communities Funds (TCF)</p>			
8	<p>Legal Implications:</p> <p>Those relevant have been taken into account see paragraph 5 of the Briefing Report.</p>			
9a	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	Yes	No	<p>Per the Constitution, a key decision 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</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>	N/A		
10	<p>Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate</p>	<p>The Local Transport Plan (LTP) details the transport strategies and policies that the City Council has</p>		

	plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	adopted and will be key in helping the city meet its Corporate Plan priorities, and growth agenda.		
I 1	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	None.		
Urgent decisions				
I 2	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 I 3a)
I 2a	Reason for urgency:			
I 2b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
I 3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	x	(If no go to section I 4)
I 3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
I 3c	Date Cabinet member 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-Gray	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Growth	
		Date consulted	21 January 2026	

Sign-off									
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:		Democratic Support (mandatory)			JS70 25/26			
			Finance (mandatory)			OW.25.26.117			
			Legal (mandatory)			LS/2960(75)/JP/290126.			
			Human Resources (if applicable)			N/A			
			Corporate property (if applicable)			N/A			
			Procurement (if applicable)			N/A			
Appendices									
17	Ref.	Title of appendix							
	A	Briefing report for publication							
	B	Equalities 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	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

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	11/02/2026			
Print Name	Councillor John Stephens (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport)						