

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L23 17/18

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Chelson Meadow Landfill Closure Plan & Leachate Treatment Plant Upgrade
2	Decision maker (Cabinet Member): Ian Bowyer. Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Gareth Harrison-Poole, Gareth.Harrison-Poole@plymouth.gov.uk
4	Decision to be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allocates £258,500 for the project within the Capital Programme to be funded by corporate borrowing• Authorises the procurement process• Delegates the award of the contract to Anthony Payne – Strategic Director of Place
5	Reasons for decision: <p>Following the closure of the landfill facility the site has been profiled, capped and restored. The final piece of the programme is ensure the final stages of management by the authority is completed to satisfaction in-line with the Environment Agency. A landfill closure plan which will dictate how the site will be monitored and maintained for the next 60 or 70 years to ensure the safety of the surrounding environment has to be completed and then maintained.</p> <p>The main areas of investment are in preventing the migration of landfill gas and leachate from the site in order to prevent a serious pollution incident to the surrounding environment, which includes the Plym Estuary (this is directly linked to the European Marine Site and bathing waters), National Trust land (including agricultural land) and a large scale new housing development.</p>

6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Option 1 – Do nothing.</p> <p>This is not an option as the council will be prosecuted for failing to meet its statutory requirements by the Environment Agency and damage its reputation locally and nationally.</p> <p>Option 2 (Preferred Option) - To install off-site gas and leachate monitoring bore holes, on-site gas and leachate wells and upgrade of the blower units on the Leachate Treatment plant in order to meet the statutory requirements of the landfill closure plan in order to safeguard the surrounding environment and its residents for the next 60 or 70 years until the site achieves a certificate of completion when it will be deemed no longer an environmental hazard. It is a statutory requirement to provide a closure plan and undertake the works associated. The council has been proactive in investing in condition surveys and studies by industry experts and these have identified certain works that need to be undertaken in order to meet the requirements of the closure plan. Failure to undertake this work will result in Environment Agency prosecution and financial penalties awarded against the Local Authority.</p> <p>Option 3 – Is to undertake all of the works described in option 2 as well as re-profile and cap the northern sector of the landfill site to modern standards as this might help to reduce the amount of leachate that needs to be treated and will increase landfill gas generation in the short term and will bring the site to its completion earlier than in option 2, however the costs of option 3 (option 2 plus around £10M) far outweighs any environmental benefits.</p>		
7	<p>Financial implications: The works will cost £258,500 and is to be funded from corporate borrowing. This funding will be allocated from, ‘maintaining the city assets’ within the Corporate Priority List.</p> <p>The local authority has a statutory duty to complete this work in accordance with the environmental permit and landfill closure plan.</p>		
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (Contact Judith Shore, Democratic Support, 304494 for further advice)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>x</p> <p>results in the Council spending or raising annual income by more than £500,000 (or more than £2,000,000 if that is the total cost of a contract award)?</p> <p>x</p> <p>results in the Council saving more than £1,000,000?</p> <p>x</p> <p>results in the Council saving less than £1,000,000 and the saving will have a material impact upon service provision such as a significant change or a cessation of service delivery and associated staff redundancies or a significant impact on customers?</p> <p></p> <p>has a significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards?</p>
<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in</p>			

the Forward Plan				
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan 2016 - 19 and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	<p>The project proposal meets the Growing Plymouth theme of creating a green & pleasant city as once completed the site will be open as green space to be enjoyed by residents of and visitors to Plymouth.</p> <p>Completion of the project will mean that Plymouth have met its environmental responsibilities by returning a 200 acre meadow land that had been used as a land fill facility to the benefit of the city back into a green space that can be enjoyed by everyone. The site and its waste management licence was transferred to Plymouth City Council in 1998 when Unitary Authority status was granted, Plymouth City Council assumed the responsibility and legal obligation to complete this work.</p> <p>Utilising this site as a Countryside Park for residents of Plymouth and the surrounding area has been identified in the Joint Local Plan (DEV 33).</p>		
Urgent decisions				
10	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, the Lead Scrutiny Officer must be consulted before approaching the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Ensure that the Chair signs the report at section 11a and that section 11b is completed <u>after</u> the sign off codes in Section 17 are completed)
		No	X	(If no, go to section 12)
11a	Signature			Date
	Print Name			
11b	Reason for urgency:			
Consultation				
12	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		(If yes, go to sections 13 and 14)
		No	X	
13	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			


14	Please confirm that you have consulted this Cabinet member	Yes	X	(No is not an option)					
15	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest?	Yes		Need a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Monitoring Officer					
		No	X						
16	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name and title	Anthony Payne – Strategic Director of Place						
17	Please include the sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)		DS032 17/18					
		Finance (mandatory)		AKH1718.75					
		Legal (mandatory)		lt/28724					
		Human Resources							
		Assets							
		IT							
		Procurement							
Other Information									
18	An Equalities Impact Assessment should be attached to the report			(Please attach the EIA to this report)					
Briefing report									
19	Is the briefing report attached?	Yes	X	(No is not an option)					
	List (and include a hyper link to) <u>published</u> work/information used to prepare the report.								
	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	If yes, prepare a second, Part II, 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. (Remember to keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)							
			Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Confidential/exempt briefing report title									
Background Papers									

20 Please list all background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.
 Background papers are unpublished 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. A folder or a file should not be cited as a background paper, though individual items within the folder or file may be. 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	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Cabinet Member Signature

21 I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget.

Signature		Date of decision	11 August 2017
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Print Name	Councillor Ian Bowyer
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