

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L22 17/18

Decision	
1	Title of decision: To allocate funding for the initial appointment of the consultant design team for the Better Places – Plymouth programme.
2	Decision maker (Cabinet Member): Councillor Ian Bowyer, Leader
3	Report author and contact details: Nathan Sanders, Senior Project and Contract Manager; Nathan.sanders@plymouth.gov.uk ; 01752 307780
4	Decision to be taken: To approve the Business Case To allocate £525,626 for the project within the Capital Programme to be funded by corporate borrowing To delegate the award of the consultant team's contract to the Strategic Director for Place
5	Reasons for decision: <p>The Better Places – Plymouth programme is an important priority investment for the city. This programme will be a key component in securing further investment in the city centre and will ensure that the city centre will look its best and function more efficiently in time for the city's Mayflower 400 celebrations and beyond.</p> <p>Following the recent publication of the City Centre Masterplan and the Joint Local Plan which set out the vision for Plymouth City Centre, Plymouth City Council has committed £27m over the next five years to transform public realm in the city centre under its Better Places - Plymouth programme. The City Council expects this commitment to be supplemented by grants and private sector contributions.</p> <p>The objectives of the programme are to address years of underinvestment in city centre streets and spaces; to transform the look and feel of the city centre; to support and lever in further inward investment in retail, leisure, employment and housing; to bolster local pride in the city centre and to enhance the overall experience and perceptions of the city centre.</p> <p>A tender exercise has recently been undertaken in which a preferred design-led consultant team has been identified to work with Plymouth City Council to deliver significant public realm improvements in the city centre. This proposal is for an initial request for Development funding to cover the cost of the following phases of work by the consultant team:</p>


	<p>Phase 1 – production of City Centre Public Realm Design Framework</p> <p>Phase 2 – production of outline design of selected City Centre schemes</p> <p>Carrying out of the above work will enable an updated cost estimate of the schemes to be produced and for the schemes to be prioritised. A further business case to cover the detailed design and construction costs for selected schemes is expected to be submitted in late 2017.</p>		
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Not proceeding with the programme would mean that the Council's Joint Local Plan policies for the city centre would not be delivered, the street environment and attractiveness of the city centre would continue to decline and significant inward investment including from British Land and at Colin Campbell Court would be deterred.</p>		
7	<p>Financial implications:</p> <p>The total cost of this proposal is £525,626 which will be funded from corporate borrowing over a 20-year period at an annual cost of £33,717.</p> <p>This cost covers the appointment of the consultant design team for phases 1 and 2 of their commission. All internal fees and contingencies are included in the above allocation.</p>		
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision?</p> <p>(Contact Judith Shore, Democratic Support, 304494 for further advice)</p>	Yes	No
			<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>
		X	<p>has a significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards?</p>
If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan			
9	<p>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>	<p>Pioneering Plymouth</p> <p>The project will look at the entirety of the public realm (streets and spaces) in the city and will pioneer new ways for these to function, attract social/ cultural and commercial activity, reduce maintenance liabilities and explore opportunities for income generation. The project will pioneer new ways to deal with surface water through Sustainable</p>	

		<p>Urban Drainage Systems in the city centre which is a critical drainage area.</p> <p>Confident Plymouth</p> <p>The project will promote confidence in Plymouth by improving the attractiveness and usability of the city's street and spaces for residents and visitors, enhancing community pride and supporting Plymouth as a destination of choice.</p> <p>Caring Plymouth</p> <p>The project will seek to enhance the ease of pedestrian and cycle movement throughout the city centre for people of all abilities by removing clutter and obstacles to movement. The specific needs of children, the elderly and mobility impaired will be carefully considered through the design process to enhance accessibility and enjoyment of the spaces by all.</p> <p>The project will also explore ways to protect the city centres most vulnerable streets and spaces from terrorist attack through Hostile Vehicle Mitigation and other security measures.</p> <p>Growing Plymouth</p> <p>The outcomes of this project will help support a growing city by encouraging inward investment in the retail, leisure and cultural offer of Plymouth City Centre and supporting the diversification of uses including residential and office.</p> <p>Providing aesthetically attractive and inviting city centre streets and spaces that function better through day and into evening will attract increased visitors to the city centre for prolonged periods of time resulting in higher spend, more viable businesses and a more competitive city centre further establishing Plymouth's position as a premier retail and shopping destination for the South West.</p> <p>The project will support the creation of positive spaces for residents from across the city, supporting the achievement of health and wellbeing outcomes and promoting social inclusion.</p> <p>This project will directly support the growth of the city by encouraging visitors and enabling increased investment from the community and private sector.</p>
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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			
I 1b	Reason for urgency:			
Consultation				
12	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(If yes, go to sections 13 and 14)
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Nicholson – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Transport, Housing and Planning		
14	Please confirm that you have consulted this Cabinet member	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No is not an option)
15	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Need a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Monitoring Officer
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
16	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name and title	Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place	
17	Please include the sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS031 17/18	
		Finance (mandatory)	pl1718.79	
		Legal (mandatory)	SC/28739	
		Human Resources		
		Assets		
		IT		
		Procurement	HG/PSF/452/ED/0817	
Other Information				
18	An Equalities Impact Assessment should be attached to the report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Please attach the EIA to this report)
Briefing report				
19	Is the briefing report attached?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(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?	<p>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.</p> <p>(Remember to keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)</p>							
		Exemption Paragraph Number							
Confidential/exempt briefing report title		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Background Papers									
20	<p>Please list all 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. 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.</p>								
Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
City Centre Public Realm (Better Places – Plymouth) Business Case					X				
Contract Award Report Part II					X				
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	14 August 2017			
Print Name	Councillor Patrick Nicholson								