

## Better Places – Plymouth: Briefing Report (Part I)

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 up to £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 through Section 106 and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

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.

Following completion of the city centre Design Framework and concept designs in the initial phase of this project, this proposal is for the commencement of detailed design and construction of improvements to the public realm in the city centre at the following locations:

1. Armada Way from Royal Parade to North Cross – commencement of detailed design;
2. West End, including Market Ave, Cornwall St West, New George St West, Raleigh St and Frankfort Gate – commencement of detailed design;
3. Old Town St and New George St East (from Armada Way to Old Town St) commencement of detailed design and construction (anticipated completion date November 2019);
4. Armada Way from Royal Parade to The Hoe – commencement of detailed design and construction (construction programme to be confirmed);
5. Tavistock Place - transfer of £1.541m of funding to The Box project to support public realm improvements.

This Executive Decision requests approval to:

- Approve the Business Case
- Allocate £13.633m for the project within the Capital Programme funded by £10.313m corporate borrowing, £2.02m Local Enterprise Partnership, £0.4m Interreg, £0.9m CIL
- Authorise the procurement process(es)
- Delegate the award of the contract(s) to Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place