

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



PLYMOUTH  
CITY COUNCIL

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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L57 17/18

Decision	
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> Derriford Community Park – Phase 4
2	<b>Decision maker (Cabinet Member):</b> Councillor Ian Bowyer, Leader of the Council
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Chris Avent – Natural Infrastructure Officer T: 01752 304184 E: <a href="mailto:chris.avent@plymouth.gov.uk">chris.avent@plymouth.gov.uk</a>
4	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approves the Business Case</li><li>• Allocates £214,143 for the project within the Capital Programme funded by S106 resources.</li><li>• Authorises the procurement process</li><li>• Delegates the award of the contract to the Strategic Director of Place</li></ul>
5	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> <p>Investment of Section 106 money to develop the strategic assets and infrastructure of the park at Poole Farm. Achieving the following outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creating capacity to provide further revenue generation through tenancy of buildings at Poole Farm</li><li>• Creating capacity to build the involvement of partners, such as Duchy College, to increase the social and environmental outcomes delivered as part of the project</li><li>• Protecting the assets of Poole Farm from further deterioration and maintenance costs</li><li>• Builds the business model of the project to support the evidence for further capital borrowing investment in the project</li><li>• The delivery of works to the buildings will be procured through the council's procurement team in line with financial regulations.</li><li>• In line with project ethos sustainability and local suppliers will be preferred where they deliver the correct level of specialist skills to the correct standard. It is recognised that we will need to discuss with strategic procurement our process for procuring professional services in architecture and education provision.</li></ul>

**6 Alternative options considered and rejected:**

- Do nothing and continue with current level of operations – The project cannot grow in this scenario and we will not be able to develop partnerships due the limitation of space and resources. The current tenancy situation significantly restricts the project’s ability to find a residential tenant. In this scenario the ability to deliver the outcomes is restricted and the risk builds of the lack of revenue generation to maintain the buildings and staffing. We will not be fulfilling the requirements to deliver the masterplan and taking the opportunities to deliver a facility that generates revenue to pay for the ongoing management of the park and provides a variety of learning and training opportunities.

**7 Financial implications:**  
This phase of the project will be delivered wholly through Section 106 contributions towards the Community Park.

8 Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes	No	
(Contact Ross Jago, Democratic Support, 304469 for further advice)		x	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)?
		x	results in the Council saving more than £1,000,000?
		x	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?
		x	has a significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards?

**If yes, date of publication of the notice in 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:**

**Pioneering Plymouth**  
Derriford Community Park will be a highly valued environmental, social and educational asset and resource for the people of the surrounding neighbourhoods, Plymouth and further afield. It will set an inspirational example for sustainable living and provide a focus for learning in the natural environment providing an increase in publically accessible green space of approximately 80 hectares.

**Growing Plymouth**  
The Park will incorporate a land-based training facility and will provide focus for activities within it. Poole Farm at the south of the Valley will enable people to experience, learn and understand more about land management, farming and food production. It will be a focus for the livestock and farming enterprises which will be integral to the management of the

Community Park and the visitor experience.

**Caring Plymouth**

The Park will be a vibrant place where communities and visitors will enjoy a unique experience within a spectacular landscape. New opportunities to explore will be provided through a network of new recreational routes that link the Park with the surrounding settlements, and enable the Park to become a focal point for these communities. Health and safety on site will be improved along with safe access for the local community providing the opportunity for activities that will increase health and wellbeing and understanding of the local environment.

**Confident Plymouth**

The creation of the Community Park and the setting up of the One Planet Centre alongside the training at Poole Farm will provide an improved service to local residents and Plymouth. This in turn will help to create a more confident City and an opportunity for the Local Nature Partnership and local community groups to work together more closely.

**Joint Local Plan**

Derriford Community Park is one of the key strategic natural infrastructure projects included in the Joint Local Plan as Policy PLY41 and will work as part of the wider growth agenda to ensure that the importance of the natural environment is recognised economically, socially and spiritually.

**SP&I Business Plan**

This fits in with the objective of delivering the strategic plan for growth in Derriford as well as being identified in the SP&I Business Plan to deliver substantial progress on major GI projects including strategically important parks and playing pitch projects.

**Urgent decisions**

<b>10</b>	<b>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		(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)
		<b>No</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>(If no, go to section 12)</b>
<b>11a</b>	<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
	<b>Print Name</b>			
<b>11b</b>	<b>Reason for urgency:</b>			

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	(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)	DSO106 17/18
		Finance (mandatory)	pl1718.240
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/30140
		Human Resources	
		Assets	
		IT	
		Procurement	
Other Information			
18	An Equalities Impact Assessment should be attached to the report	Yes	x (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) published work/information used to prepare the report.	<a href="#">Derriford Community Park Masterplan</a>	
	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)	
<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>			

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Confidential/exempt briefing report title</b>							

### 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	
Briefing Report – Part I Derriford Community Park – Phase 4	x									
Business Case Derriford Community Park – Phase 4	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.

<b>Signature</b>	<i>IAN BOWYER</i>	<b>Date of decision</b>	<i>19 March 2018</i>
<b>Print Name</b>	<i>IAN BOWYER</i>		

