

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



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

Executive Decision Reference Number – L32 17/18


Decision	
1	Title of decision: Central Park Improvements Programme
2	Decision maker (Cabinet Member): Councillor Ian Bowyer, Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Zoe Sydenham [REDACTED]
4	<p>Leader of the Council -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notes the allocation of £9 million (2017-2021) for the project within the Capital Budget, agreed at Council on 27 February 2017• Approves Phase 2 of the Business Case• Allocates an additional £3,492,604 to the Capital Programme for Phase 1 and 2 with £2.6m funded by corporate borrowing and £892,604 of match funding (£382,604 from Section 106 and £510,000 Football Foundation grant and funding from Circus operator)• Authorises the procurement process• Authorises the application for grant funding from the Football Foundation and Lawn Tennis Association• Authorises the Cabinet Member for Strategic Transport, Housing & Planning in conjunction with Officers with delegated authority to amend the detailed implementation programme following receipt of surveys and tenders• Delegates the award of the contracts referred to in the Briefing Paper to the Assistant Director for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure
5	<p>Reasons for decision: Central Park is one of the most prominent parks in the City and provides equality of access for walking, cycling, play and a range of sports. It is a key resource for people without access to their own green space or funds to pay for gyms/other sports.</p> <p>However, the JLP Policy PLY19 acknowledges the current poor state of the park, stating that 'sports and recreational facilities within the park require upgrading to deal with issues such as drainage, and new facilities developed to ensure the sport and recreational offer in the park is outstanding. Other facilities will also be developed within the park to complement its purpose,</p>

	<p>such as cafes and play areas. Any new facilities will be in-keeping with the purpose of the park and sensitive to its natural and heritage features.'</p> <p>This project will therefore provide a high quality, welcoming hub for physical activity and access to nature that is freely available open at all times and for all ages and all demographics. Evidence shows that this will encourage people to use the space to contribute to a more active lifestyle for themselves and their family.</p>		
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Plymouth City Council has two main commitments to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They have committed to deliver the publicly available Masterplan for Central Park that was adopted in March 2013 and has been identified as a priority; <p>As the largest park in the City, Central Park is a major asset and leisure and recreational hub belonging to Plymouth City Council.</p> <p>The criteria to measure each of the options against are:</p> <p>a) opportunity for community and partner involvement</p> <p>b) progression of objectives of the Central Park Masterplan noted in the Joint Local Plan.</p> <p>The options available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do nothing – PCC will miss the opportunity to create revenue generating infrastructure and the quality of the park will continue to decline. This will cause a greater financial pressure in the future when we are forced to repair parts of the park that cause a health and safety risk. The reputation of the Council will suffer as we have already announced the plans to refurbish the park. We could lose the potential for match funding already secured and that in progress which is contingent on the PCC delivery. Only deliver the essential improvements without the additional infrastructure (as per Business Case for Phase I) or delay delivery of the project. This will result in a loss of match funding for Tennis across the city of £300k (at Devonport Park, Tothill Park, West Hoe Tennis Courts) and Football Foundation funding of up to £500k for the park. This also misses the opportunity to bring in additional future revenue streams to fund ongoing maintenance and therefore the park will fall into decline once again – meets a but only partially b PCC to pursue the project to deliver the full Masterplan aspirations to develop the full capacity of the park's potential– this has the greatest potential to meet a & b. <p>The preferred option is that option 3 is taken forward because this will enable us to deliver PCC's wider Corporate objectives; the aspirations in the Joint Local Plan; offer the maximum income generation and lower ongoing maintenance costs for the park; make the best use of the park for opportunities to improve the city's health and well-being and continue to support PCC's reputation as One Council that delivers against its aspirations.</p>		
7	<p>Financial implications: The project will be funded by corporate borrowing.</p>		
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision?</p> <p>(Contact Judith Shore, Democratic Support, [REDACTED] for further advice)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>✓</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</p>

				award)?
		✓		results in the Council saving more than £1,000,000?
		✓		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?
		✓		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		N/A		
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan 2013/14 to 2016/17 and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	<p>Growing: The delivery of the Masterplan will directly support the Council's vision for the City, supporting its ability to deliver growth by providing high quality and accessible green infrastructure to meet both the current and anticipated future recreational and leisure needs of Plymouth. The café will also provide new employment.</p> <p>Caring: The new approach to collaborative working to achieve the Park enhancements will empower communities to be involved in decision making and the delivery of the improvements. The health benefits of accessing the natural environment are well documented. The project will build on existing work to remove physical and perceptual barriers to accessing natural space and will encourage community members to become more actively involved in their local site. Opportunities that can support social cohesion will be explored through the project delivery.</p> <p>Confident: The Masterplan provides an opportunity to focus the delivery of the Parks enhancement in line with One City Council aspirations. Improvements to the overall site will support individuals, community groups and visitors to the city engage in physical activity, play and build social networks.</p> <p>Delivers JLP Policy PLY 19 Central Park - Strategic Green Space Site: 2. Enhancing existing and creating new facilities that develop the park's role as a premier park for the city and region whilst being sensitive to the park's natural and historic features.</p> <p>Meets Strategic Objective 4 of Plymouth Plan: 'Delivering a Healthy City' (5) health-promoting natural and built environments, community facilities and public spaces</p>		

		<p>and accessible local services.</p> <p>Delivers Plymouth Plan Policy 14: 'Optimising the health and wellbeing benefits of the natural environment'.</p> <p>(4) Providing high quality outdoor facilities that encourage people to participate in sport and active recreation</p> <p>Supports delivery of Plymouth Plan DEV29: 'to protect and support a diverse and multi-functional network of green space (including play space).'</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	✓	(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		
13	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Michael Leaves (Street Scene and Environment) Councillor Patrick Nicholson (Strategic Transport, Housing and Planning)		
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	✓	
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	Democratic Support (mandatory)		DSO55 17/18

	from the relevant departments consulted:	Finance (mandatory)		pl1718.122						
		Legal (mandatory)		MS/2/28020						
		Human Resources								
		Assets								
		IT								
		Procurement								
Other Information										
18	An Equalities Impact Assessment should be attached to the report	Yes	✓	(Please attach the EIA to this report)						
Briefing report										
19	Is the briefing report attached?	Yes	✓	(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 <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.									
Title		Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number						
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Business case Central Park Improvements Programme		✓								

Phase 1 and 2									
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	13 November 2017				
Print Name	Councillor Ian Bowyer								