

Supplement 4 to the agenda

Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee

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Conference Room 1 - Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE

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PQ 1	Mrs Morawiecka, Hereford	“Will the committee review and consider how Herefordshire Council allocates capital investment to support the Local Transport Plan priorities and other Council Plans, and that the allocation of scarce money to capital transport projects complies with Treasury Green Book guidance on option appraisal and can show best value for money for local taxpayers?”	Statutory Scrutiny Officer
<p>Response:</p> <p><i>The issues that you have raised have been shared with the committee, and the committee discussed how it might scrutinise the matter that you have raised. The council’s capital programme, and how it allocates capital to programmes, is a matter for the Scrutiny Management Board, which considered this matter in January 2025.</i></p> <p><i>The Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee will be considering the council’s draft Local Transport Plan at its meeting on 13 May 2025. Prior to this meeting, the committee chair and deputy will meet with officers to plan the evidence to be presented to the committee. Your suggested lines of enquiry, around ensuring best value and regulatory compliance, will help the committee to shape its work for the meeting in May.</i></p>			
<p>Supplementary question:</p> <p>On 5th March the Council reallocated £1million of Active Travel Measures funding to the Hereford Transport Hub. The HCCTP 2015 Business case stated that as well as the City Link Road the project would improve the public realm and walking/cycling links between the historic city centre, the ESG area, the railway station, consistent with improving health outcomes by encouraging and enabling physical activity. These remain undelivered 10 years on. The remit of the Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee includes scrutiny of development investment plans for Hereford City. Why has the Active Travel funding not been reallocated to deliver the safe walking/cycling measures from the station to the City Centre as originally agreed in the HCCTP full business case, or to any other long awaited cycling infrastructure across Hereford, and how was the funding reallocation prioritised against other active travel schemes?</p>			
<p>Supplementary response:</p>			

Many thanks for your suggested questions concerning investment plans for Hereford City Centre. The committee plans to scrutinise the council's work to deliver the Hereford City Masterplan this year. It had planned to do so at this meeting, but will now do so later in the year, the date yet to be agreed. The committee will include your questions as part of its preparations to bring this matter to the committee.