

Issue reference: I50023802

Written statement of a key decision Cabinet member infrastructure

Title	Hereford City Centre Transport Package - Programme Update			
Decision maker	Cabinet member infrastructure			
	Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:			
	http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251			
Date of decision	23 November 2017			
Report exemption class	Open			
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.			
	This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.			
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.				
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No			
Purpose	To update the cabinet member of the current position regarding Hereford City Centre Transport Package (HCCTP) and progress of the city link road and to approve the next steps regarding the design of other package measures.			
	The City Link Road project is nearing completion on programme and when complete will provide the necessary infrastructure to enable the transformation of the city centre with development opportunities including an urban village, university accommodation and public service hub facilities. Following the completion of the road further measures including a new transport hub at the train station and public realm on surrounding streets will enhance the			

area and provide opportunities for more sustainable travel as part of an overall transport strategy for Hereford.			
This report provides an update on project progress, programme and budget at this stage of the project			
There is an approved budget in the capital programme for the Hereford City Centre Transport Package of £40.6m. This includes an external grant of £16m from the Marches LEP Growth Fund.			
The total estimated cost of the package comprises the city link road and other transport improvements in the area once the new road is completed.			
The forecast estimated outturn of the Hereford City Centre Transport Package is currently within the approved budget of £40.6m and the current forecast for the main road construction contract outlined above is contained within this overall forecast.			
That:			
(a) within the overall capital programme allocation of £40.6 million for the Hereford city centre transport package (HCCTP), the revised allocations of funding in relation to the key elements of the package, as detailed in paragraph 24 be approved.;			
(b) the Director for Economy, Communities and Corporate be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to progress detailed design and feasibility within the allocated budget of £563,000 identified in paragraph 24 for the professional fees associated with the remaining package elements of a transport hub and upgrading the existing highway from the junction of the City Link Road, along Commercial Road, Blue School Street to its junction with Widemarsh Street and Newmarket Street to inform further decisions.			
As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at			
http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50023802			
Funding of public realm schemes following completion of the City Link Road is altered or reduced from that set out in Business Case. This is not recommended as budget is available to deliver these schemes which will deliver the full benefits to the city			

Councillor:		Date	23 November 2017
	Cabinet member infrastructure (Councillor PD Price)		

 a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

• in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.