

Written statement of a non-key officer decision
Chief finance officer

Title	Landscaping at the Master's House, St Katherines, Ledbury
Decision maker	Chief finance officer
Date of decision	24 May 2018
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To approve the spend of section 106 public realm monies received in respect of planning application P160606/F - Land at Galebreaker House, Leadon Way, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2SS for the purposes set out in this report, together with an explanation of the considerations that have been taken into account in reaching this recommendation.
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) subject to securing planning consent, approval is given to undertake landscaping works in accordance with the landscape master plan at appendix 2, at a cost of not more than £120,000 including fees; and</p> <p>(b) the Chief Finance Officer be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above recommendation.</p>
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50025519
Consultation	Two consultations have been undertaken on this project to date. A public consultation was undertaken for two weeks in October 2017 and another consultation in January 2018 with a stakeholder group. The feedback from both of these consultations has informed the development of the landscape plans.
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The council could decide not to progress with landscaping project, however the monies secured are specifically landscaping at the Master's House which means that if we do not undertake this work in line with the terms of the legal agreement, there is a requirement that the contribution is refunded in full, if it is not spent in accordance within the terms of the agreement unless otherwise negotiated with the relevant developer/landowner.

Declarations of interest	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	31 May 2018

Officer:	Date 24 May 2018
Chief finance officer (Andrew Lovegrove)	