

Issue reference: I50031125

Written statement of a non-key decision Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport

Title	Hereford Transport Package & South Wye Transport Package
Decision maker	Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport
	Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:
	http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?I D=251
Date of decision	22 October 2019
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To determine future actions regarding the Hereford Transport Package (HTP), which includes the Hereford bypass and associated active travel measures and South Wye Transport Package (SWTP), which includes the southern link road and local active travel measures comprising walking, cycling, bus and public realm improvements.
	The original decision to pause and review the bypass and southern link road taken by the cabinet member for infrastructure and transport was taken on 9 August 2019. The decision was called in by General Scrutiny Committee. The decision was discussed at a meeting of the committee on 9 September 2019 and the committee came to the view that the decision should be referred back to the cabinet member to reconsider, giving regard to the matters set out in paragraph 34 below.
	This report confirms the final decision having regard to the recommendations made by General Scrutiny Committee.
Decision	THAT, having regard to the recommendations made by General Scrutiny Committee on 9 September 2019:
	(a) a review of the South Wye Transport Package be undertaken to determine next steps, and work on the Southern Link Road and active travel measures (the scope of which will be determined in a further report and be subject to the agreement of funders to draw down funding or provision being made within the capital programme) is continued whilst the review is undertaken;
	(b) a review of the bypass project to determine next steps be undertaken, and work on the Hereford Transport

	package active travel measures and the other bypass work as listed below is continued whilst the review is undertaken;			
	Phase 2a consultation report £12,000 completion			
	Geophysical survey report £3,000 completion			
	Ground Investigation Report (GIR) £6,000 completion			
	Walking and Cycling (WCHAR) £5,000 assessment completion			
	Traffic Modelling £22,000			
	Large Local Major Bid completion £18,000			
	(c) discussions continue with funding organisations to clarify the funding implications of a review and to seek to minimise the risk of loss of any secured funding;			
	 (d) consultation with parish councils, businesses and members of the public be included within the scope of the review; (e) the acting director for economy and place be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to scope the review work for both road schemes within a budget of £50k (Southern Link Road) and £70k (Hereford By-pass) to inform a further decision in this calendar year on the scope of the review to be undertaken; and 			
	(f) the acting director for economy and place be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to undertake the bypass work listed in recommendation (b) above within a budget envelope of £66,000 and to approve variance between the activities within a tolerance of £5,000.			
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at			
	http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50031125			
Options considered	A number of possible options and the implications of each, were originally presented within the report to enable the preferred options to be determined. These options are as follows:			
	Option A - Pause all work on the Southern Link Road, undertake a review of the project and evidence base to			

		determine next steps and continue work on SWTP active travel measures Option B - Pause all work on the Hereford Bypass,
		undertake a review of the project and evidence base to determine next steps and continue work on HTP active travel measures
		 Option C - Stop all work on the South Wye Transport Package
		Option D - Stop all work on the Hereford Transport Package
		 Option E - Continue the delivery of the South Wye Transport Package
		 Option F - Continue the delivery of the Hereford Transport Package
	2.	The recommendations made by general scrutiny committee at their meeting on the 9 September 2019 have been considered and the constructive challenge made by the committee is welcomed. The recommendations in this report take due regard of the comments made.
Declarations of interest (see • below)		
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)		

Councillor:		Date	22 October 2019
	Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport (Councillor John Harrington)		

 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.