

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet member environment, economy and skills

Title	Re-Opening of the High Street Safely Fund (RHSSF)
Decision maker	<p>Cabinet member environment, economy and skills</p> <p>Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</p>
Date of decision	4 March 2021
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	<p>To gain approval to accept and spend the Re-Opening of the High Street Safely Fund (RHSSF) Covid 19 grant funding amounting to £172,188 from the Ministry of Home, Communities, and Local Government (MHCLG).</p> <p>The Fund will provide the council with additional funding to support measures that enable Covid 19 safe trading in public places. The fund will particularly focus on high streets, as well as other public places that are at the heart of the market towns and Hereford, enabling them to safely re-open following the current lockdown. As per the Action Plan included in the grant funding agreement (Appendix A), the funds will be utilised for enhancements to the public realm and signage, and a communications campaign to encourage people to buy locally whilst following government guidance.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The council accepts the Re-Opening of the High Street Safely grant funding offered by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government totalling £172,188; b) The approach to delivering the grant funding be approved; c) The Director for Economy and Place be authorised to sign on behalf of the council the grant funding agreement d) Authority be delegated to the Director for Economy and Place, following consultation with the cabinet member for Environment, Economy and Skills and the S151 Officer, to make any operational decisions required to ensure the successful delivery of the scheme.

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=50036048
Options considered	1. Do nothing: The council could reject the grant funding offered. This is not considered an option as businesses in Hereford City and the market towns need support to mitigate the impact of Covid 19 by introducing a range of measures designed to help restart the local economy in their towns and cities.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	10 March 2021

Councillor:	Date 4 March 2021
Cabinet member environment, economy and skills (Councillor Ellie Chowns)	

- 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.