

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Submission of University City – Transport Package bid for funding from the National Productivity Investment Fund for 2018/19 to 2019/20
Date of decision:	30 June 2017
Decision maker:	Assistant Director Environment and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>This is an operational decision as it is within approved budgets, in accordance with adopted local transport plan policy and does not amend or raise new policy issues.</p> <p>A forward plan key decision item has been listed for approval by the cabinet member for infrastructure which will note the submission of the bid and seek delegated authority for the assistant director environment and place to allocate funds in the event that the bid is successful. This decision will be considered in advance of the indicated award period which is the autumn statement 2017</p>
Ward:	Hereford City Wards
Consultation:	<p>Consultation on the local transport plan was open to the public, parish and ward councils and set out the strategy for implementing schemes which would improve accessibility in the Hereford central area particularly for sustainable transport modes, alleviating traffic congestion on the local transport network. Specific schemes within the package have been subject to consultation (including City Centre Public Realm Enhancement, St Owen Street Cycle Contraflow and on street and residential parking proposals). Further consultation will be undertaken as appropriate with regard to final scheme design and if a traffic regulation order is required.</p>
Decision made:	To submit the University City Transport Package bid to the Department for Transport by 30 June 2017 in accordance with the deadline set by the DfT
Reasons for decision:	To enable the council to secure additional funds for transport improvements in the city area which will directly support the establishment of the new engineering university in time for its formal launch in autumn 2020 and to provide wider benefits for access in Hereford which will assist with shorter journeys
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The bid requires sign off by the S151 officer and this has been secured following detailed discussions on the nature of the bid, the commitment to local contributions which are in line with the council's highways funding allocations and annual plan
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	The package included in the bid has been subject to discussion with key stakeholders including representatives of the NMITE and Hereford Enterprise Zone. All of the schemes included are in line with schemes which are promoted through our adopted local transport plan and can be delivered within area under the control of the highway authority

Details of any declarations of interest made:	There are no declarations of interest relating to this decision.

Signed



Date: 30 June 2017