

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Challenge Fund
Date of decision:	4 August 2017
Decision maker:	Assistant Director Environment and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The authority is for the specified officer to take this decision in the decision taken by the key decision taken by the cabinet member Transport and Roads in regard to the Balfour Beatty Living Places Public Realm Annual Plan 2017/18 on 30 March 2017. That decision included for the following:</p> <p>(b) the assistant director environment and place be authorised to agree, through the contract governance arrangements, final adjustments to the programme and budget allocation to each of the annex areas (including, but not limited to, the investment, in accord with the approach set out in this report, of all funds received from the National Productivity Investment Fund, the Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund in 2017/18 and the capital programme) and any in year adjustments to the plan.</p> <p>This officer decision is taken in accord with the authority delegated above regarding an in year adjustment to the Public Realm Annual Plan to include for investment related to the Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund in 2017/18 and the capital programme.</p>
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	To allocate a total of £3 million (for the avoidance of doubt, including the £1.675 million as the decision 'Advance works – Challenge Fund' taken on 21 July 2017) from the council's capital programme, along with the £5m received from the Department for Transport, in works as described in the Council's successful bid to the Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund in 2017/18 through the 2017/18 Public Realm Annual Plan.
Reasons for decision:	<p>The council bid to the Department for Transport's (DfT) Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund. Bids were submitted in March 2017. The results of the 2017/18 bidding round were announced on 1 August 2017.</p> <p>The council's bid https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200136/travel_and_transport/723/herfordshire_road_investment/2 is for the Major Maintenance of Routes that Connect Herefordshire's Enterprise Zone. The bid seeks £5 Million of funding from DfT alongside its own contribution of £3 million. That £3 million having been included for in the council's capital programme, subject to the bid being successful.</p>

	These works will enable the council to deliver significant benefits to the local and national economy through returning 38.9 miles of key routes to a good condition throughout.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The £5m received from DfT will need to be spent during the 2017/18 financial year. The full scheme will need to be completed using the funds allocated in the Council's capital programme, delivery of this element can extend into the 2018/19 financial year, if required.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

Date 4 August 2017

