

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Hereford Enterprise Zone – new electrical substation at the Shell Store, North Magazine
Date of decision:	6 June 2019
Decision maker:	Director Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	Herefordshire Council's constitution - Scheme of Delegation Part 3 Functions Scheme, Section 7 Officer Functions - 3.7.5 operational decisions
Ward:	Dinedor Hill
Consultation:	None. This is not a new service
Decision made:	To approve works by Western Power Distribution (WPD) for new electrical substation at the Shell Store, North Magazine totaling £51,103.82 + VAT
Reasons for decision:	<p>Following the appointment of Barnwood as the main contractor, work on the £7.3m Shell Store project on the North Magazine started on 1 April 2019.</p> <p>Having recently completed electrical reinforcement works in the estate, a high voltage mains cable now runs up the North Magazine close to the Shell Store. However a new electrical substation is required to convert this high voltage supply into a supply for completed development. The substation will have a capacity of 1000 KVA and will be able to supply future development on the adjacent N24 plot</p> <p>The Zone's procured utilities consultants (SMS plc) have obtained and assessed the quotes and are satisfied with the costs – their recommended option is the complete works option costed at £51,103.82 + VAT.</p> <p>This work is part of a tranche of utilities works for which a £1.2m budget was approved as part of Enterprise Zone Capital Interventions Phase 4 on 15 June 2018, and will be funded from future capital receipts on the HEZ site.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	We will need to confirm full payment for the works prior to WPD carrying out any works. Not authorising these works could add significant delays to the £7.3m Shell Store development project.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Quotation for non-contestable works only was considered. However there are only a handful of specified contractors (ICPs) who could conduct this work and WPD have proved to provide competitive prices. HEZ's previous experience with agreeing to non-contestable works only have been that it takes an inordinate amount of officer time to arrange and there is no guarantee of savings. As such this was not considered to be viable.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed
DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND PLACE

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