

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	South Wye Transport Package – Southern Link Road – initial site works.
Date of decision:	28/6/2019
Decision maker:	Director for Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>In accordance with the Chief Executive Scheme of Delegation (Point 50) the acting director for Economy & Place is authorised to make decisions relating to Highways & Transportation which would include this decision regarding the South Wye Transport Package – Southern Link Road.</p> <p>The South Wye Transport Package is an approved capital scheme in the councils capital programme and therefore this decision (taken under delegated powers) is in accordance with the overall policies and decisions of full council and cabinet and approved capital budget.</p>
Wards:	Stoney Street & Wormside
Consultation:	Throughout the development of the SWTP consultation on the scheme has taken place. Consultation regarding this decision took place with cabinet member infrastructure and transport, legal services, Section 151 officer and monitoring officer.
Decision made:	<p>In order to protect the council's planning consent for the Southern Link Road, minor works to secure the planning permission before 18 July 2019 will commence. These works comprise fencing, topsoiling, excavation and placing of subbase material as detailed on the plan appended to this record of officer decision. The scope of works have been agreed with the Local Planning Authority as sufficient to enact the planning permission for the scheme:</p> <p>The above works will be implemented within a budget of £60,000 and will be commissioned through the public realm contract and funded from the 2019/20 LTP allocation. This to be funded through a virement from LTP grant in accordance with financial procedure rules.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>The South Wye Transport Package, which includes the southern link road, aims to promote economic development by enabling easier access to the Hereford Enterprise Zone, reduce traffic issues experienced by local residents and promote walking and cycling as an alternative to driving in the south wye area. The scheme forms part of the councils Local Plan Core Strategy, Local Transport Plan, Economic Masterplan and Corporate Plan.</p> <p>In December 2014 cabinet selected a preferred route for the SLR and authorised the development of the scheme for planning. A planning application for the scheme was submitted in May 2015 and planning permission was granted on 18 July 2016. Cabinet authorised making of the CPO & SRO in October 2017 and these orders were made in March 2018. A Public Inquiry into these orders was held in October / November</p>

	<p>2018 and these orders were confirmed in March 2019 by the Secretary of State for Transport.</p> <p>In order to protect the council's planning consent it is necessary to commence implementation of minor works to secure the planning permission before 18 July 2019. These works comprise fencing, topsoiling, excavation and placing of subbase material as detailed on the plan appended to this record of officer decision. The scope of works have been agreed with the Local Planning Authority as sufficient to enact the planning permission for the scheme.</p> <p>The above works are expected to cost £60,000 and would be commissioned through the public realm contract and funded from the 2019/20 Local Transport Plan allocation. This expenditure would be funded through a virement from LTP grant in accordance with financial procedure rules.</p> <p>Preserving the planning consent ensures that options remain open to the Council pending further consideration of the overall transport package. Those options would be to continue with progression of the scheme, pause and review the scheme, or cancel it.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Financial:</p> <p>The above works will be implemented within a budget of £60,000 and will be commissioned through the public realm contract and funded from the 2019/20 LTP allocation. This expenditure will be funded through a virement from LTP grant in accordance with financial procedure rules, sufficient grant funding is available for this purpose.</p> <p>Legal:</p> <p>This is an operational decision involving the day to day management of the planning application for the SLR. The decision is delegated to the Director in accordance with the chief executives scheme of delegation acting under delegation 50.</p> <p>As the applicant for the scheme, the council are required to discharge any pre-commencement conditions and implement the planning permission in accordance with Section 56 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 prior to the expiry date for implementation, which in accordance with condition 1 to the planning permission requires the development permitted to be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of the permission.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>The planning permission is not implemented. This would result in a significant programme delay of at least a year to obtain a new planning permission and would expose the council to associated costs to prepare and submit a new planning application for the road.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	

Signed..... Date: 28/6/2019