

Appendix 6 – Option D

Option	Summary and Implications
<p>Stop all work on the Hereford Transport Package</p>	<p>This option is likely to be contrary to the Council’s Budget and Policy Framework and require referral to full Council.</p> <p>The following provides a considerations and risks of this option, however if the cabinet member was minded to select this option a further key decision report would need to be prepared prior to a decision being taken.</p> <p>Considerations & Risks:</p> <p>Design and development of planning application of the bypass for further consultation and design of package of active travel measures would stop.</p> <p>Development of the business case for submission to Department for Transport Large Local Majors fund would cease and not be submitted to Midlands Connect for prioritisation. Current funding applications would be affected and potential funding opportunities lost.</p> <p>The financial impact of ceasing the work on the HTP project will be a call on revenue reserves of approximately £3.582m. This includes spend to date in 2019/202. Any further costs will need to be fully determined and could include costs associated with the closing down of the current HTP commission. These would be set out in a further key decision report.</p> <p>The council will need to decide how to treat the unused proportion of the 2019/20 capital programme. It could be taken out of the programme or allocated to another element of the capital program subject to the normal governance processes.</p> <p>The HTP is identified in both the adopted Local Transport Plan and Core Strategy. It forms part of the council’s policy framework and there is a risk that not progressing undermines/conflicts with adopted policy.</p> <p>The HTP and SWTP include the infrastructure needs for Hereford identified within the Core Strategy as being necessary to enable the full development of the HEZ and the Strategic Urban Extension housing sites and total housing number identified for Hereford during the plan period. Not progressing these packages could restrict or delay the development on the HEZ and prevent or delay the delivery of</p>

	<p>housing and other developments identified for Hereford in the core strategy. A delay in delivering housing in Hereford could also reduce the housing land supply for the county and restrict the council's ability to resist unplanned housing developments and undermine the plan led approach.</p> <p>The council has engaged a wide range of stakeholders and partners in progressing its transport strategy and the HTP project. This comprises residents and businesses, organisations looking to invest in the city and wider county, statutory bodies responsible for associated infrastructure and regulation and potential funding bodies. There is a risk that a decision to halt the delivery of the packages will signal a change in priorities, undermine confidence in the council's direction and result in greater uncertainty.</p>
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