

Appendix 8 – Option F

Option	Summary and Implications
Continue the delivery of the Hereford Transport Package	<p>Scope of works:</p> <p>A preferred route for the bypass has been selected based on robust assessment work and public consultation feedback.</p> <p>A range of active travel measures has been developed and consulted upon. Consultation feedback has been assessed and demonstrates strong support for delivery of active travel.</p> <p>Scope of work planned for 2019/20 which includes development of the bypass for consultation and planning would continue. Development of an outline business for the HTP planned for 2019/20 would continue and the Large Local Majors (LLM) application would be submitted to Department for Transport via Midlands Connect.</p> <p>Current approved capital budget for 2019/20 of £3.65m would fund development of the planning application for the bypass for consultation and further development of the package of active travel measures which form the HTP with the bypass scheme. Further decisions would need to be taken regarding funding beyond 2019/20 and the next stages of the project such as submission of planning application, confirmation of package elements, outline and full business case, land acquisition and construction.</p> <p>Carrying on would mean a planning application could be submitted late 2020 and with a necessary period for consents and procurement construction could commence from 2023.</p> <p>Considerations & Risks:</p> <p>Capital costs to date would not be affected by this decision although it is possible that scheme costs will increase as a result of revised programme.</p> <p>Midlands Connect has identified the Hereford Bypass as a regional priority in the regional transport strategy and for the regional submission the DfT for LLM funding. Midlands Connect have advised that confirmation is required from Herefordshire Council regarding whether it wishes the scheme to go forward for this funding process by October 2019.</p> <p>Bids have already been submitted for funding from the Housing Infrastructure Fund and Highways England Route Investment Strategy 2 for the scheme and these are currently</p>

	<p>being considered by central Government. This option would ensure that the council would be ready to move forward with the delivery of the scheme, in the event that funding were to be awarded.</p>
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