

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Hereford & South Wye Transport Review – Transport Strategy Assessment
Date of decision:	10 March 2020
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director for Highways and Transport
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The 24 January 2020 decision taken by Cabinet Member Infrastructure and Transport for the Hereford Transport & South Wye Packages review approved:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) the Acting Assistant Director for Highways and Transport be authorised to take all operational decisions to complete the review within a budget of £451,000 as set out in paragraphs 27 and 28.</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50032842&Opt=0</p>
Ward:	(All Wards); with particular reference to Stoney Street, Wormside, Belmont Rural, Credenhill, Kings Acre, Queenswood, Holmer and Whitecross
Consultation:	Legal and Finance. Cabinet member (Infrastructure and Transport)
Decision made:	<p>To commission professional services through the Public Realm contract, for works up to the end March 2020 to undertake the following elements of work outlined in the 24 January 2020 Cabinet Member decision report, up to a value of £145k. This cost will be funded from financial resilience reserves as set out in the January cabinet member report.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">6b. Element 2: An assessment of the overall transport strategy for Hereford and consideration of alternative options in the context of the declared climate emergency. This assessment will consider the current and future transport issues, refresh transport strategy objectives, appraisal and development of alternative transport options for Hereford. It is separate from a review of the local plan core strategy or local transport plan but findings could inform any such review. This would be the subject of a separate decision report. Alternative options will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An eastern link / river crossing ii. Electric bus fleet iii. Improved school bus services iv. Improved cycle and pedestrian provision including safer routes to school v. Traffic signal removal and emergency recovery on A49 vi. Traffic signal removal vii. Demand management and behavioural change viii. Ultra-light rail system ix. Current major road schemes <p style="padding-left: 40px;">6c. Element 3: Public and stakeholder engagement and consultation to inform the assessment of transport strategy and alternative options.</p>

	Professional services to complete the remainder of these works beyond the end of March 2020 will be the subject of a further decision report.
Reasons for decision:	<p>A decision was taken 9 August 2019 by Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways to pause all work on the South Wye Transport Package and Hereford bypass and a review of the projects be undertaken to determine next steps. This decision was called in and a General Scrutiny meeting was held 9th September in which recommendations were made.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member took a further decision 22 October 2019 which took into consideration the recommendations made by General Scrutiny Committee and confirmed a review of the South Wye Transport Package and the bypass project to determine next steps.</p> <p>On 24 January 2020 the Cabinet Member took a decision to approve the scope, outline programme and timescale for undertaking the review of the Hereford and South Wye Transport Packages, within a budget of £360,000. The report outlined that the review is essential to ensure that the council's decision making is fully informed by the latest information and best practice.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The cost to the end of March 2020 to undertake the work outlined in this decision will be up to £145k. This cost will be funded from financial resilience reserves as set out in the January cabinet member report.</p> <p>The cost of works may exceed the budget envelope resulting in a budget pressure. This will be mitigated through monitoring of costs which will form part of the project management of the review. Spend against budget will be monitored using the council's project management system Verto and will be reported regularly to the Major Infrastructure Delivery Board.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None.

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

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