

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Hereford Transport Package (HTP)												
<b>Date of decision:</b>	19 March 2020												
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director for Economy & Place												
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>The 22 October decision taken by Cabinet Member Infrastructure and Transport for the Hereford Transport Package and South Wye Transport Package approved:</p> <p>(b) a review of the bypass project to determine next steps be undertaken, and work on the Hereford Transport Package active travel measures and the other bypass work as listed below is continued whilst the review is undertaken;</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Phase 2a consultation report consultation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Geophysical survey report completion</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ground Investigation Report (GIR) completion</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walking and Cycling (WCHAR) assessment completion</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Traffic Modelling</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Large Local Major Bid completion</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£18,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>(f) the acting director for economy and place be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to undertake the bypass work listed in recommendation (b) above within a budget envelope of £66,000 and to approve variance between the activities within a tolerance of £5,000.</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50068934/Hereford%20Transport%20Package%20South%20Wye%20Transport%20Package%20main%20report.pdf">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50068934/Hereford%20Transport%20Package%20South%20Wye%20Transport%20Package%20main%20report.pdf</a></p> <p>The 11 March 2019 decision taken by Cabinet Member Infrastructure for the Hereford Transport Package approved:</p> <p>the Director for Economy and Place is authorised to take all necessary steps to progress detailed design and consultation including commissioning external professional advisors to inform future decision on the Hereford Transport Package to a maximum further cost of £3.65m to deliver: Completion of detailed design of the bypass to a standard for a planning application in accordance with an agreed costed programme.</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50065094/Hereford%20Transport%20Package%20main%20report.pdf">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50065094/Hereford%20Transport%20Package%20main%20report.pdf</a></p>	Phase 2a consultation report consultation	£12,000	Geophysical survey report completion	£3,000	Ground Investigation Report (GIR) completion	£6,000	Walking and Cycling (WCHAR) assessment completion	£5,000	Traffic Modelling	£22,000	Large Local Major Bid completion	£18,000
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<b>Ward:</b>	(All Wards); with particular reference to Stoney Street, Wormside, Belmont Rural, Credenhill, Kings Acre, Queenswood, Holmer and Whitecross								
<b>Consultation:</b>	Both HTP and SWTP have had several consultations to date. In advance of the 22 October decision, residents, landowners and stakeholders included on the council's database of those potentially affected by the decision or who have previously been identified in having an interest or asked to be kept updated regarding the schemes were informed. This included key funding bodies of DfT, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Homes England, Highways England, Midlands Connect and the Marches LEP. All affected local ward members below were asked to comment on the 22 October decision and five representations were received.								
<b>Decision made:</b>	<p>To commission the following elements of the continuation work as outlined in the 22 October 2019 Cabinet Member report A further decision regarding the continuation of the Large Local Majors bid and associated traffic modelling work will be the subject of a separate decision report.</p> <table data-bbox="555 801 1369 1077"> <tr> <td>Phase 2a consultation report consultation</td> <td>£12,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Geophysical survey report completion</td> <td>£3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ground Investigation Report (GIR) completion</td> <td>£6,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walking and Cycling (WCHAR) assessment completion</td> <td>£5,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>These will be commissioned through the Public Realm contract, up to a value of £26k.</p>	Phase 2a consultation report consultation	£12,000	Geophysical survey report completion	£3,000	Ground Investigation Report (GIR) completion	£6,000	Walking and Cycling (WCHAR) assessment completion	£5,000
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<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The 19/20 Capital Programme funding was approved by Council 15 February 2019, and included a provision of £3.5m in 19/20 for the Hereford Transport Package.</p> <p>The 11 March 2019 decision taken by Cabinet Member Infrastructure to approve spending of the £3.65m budget through delegated authority to the Director for Economy and Place.</p> <p>A Record of Officer Decision was taken by the Director for Economy and Place on 4 June 2019 to authorise commissioning of the 19/20 programme of works through the public realm contract with an initial value of up to £1.7m.</p> <p>To date £971k has been spent of the £1.7m budget. Costs associated with the continuation of the stated pieces of work are anticipated to be £26k and will be funded from the remaining balance of £729k of the authorised budget of £1.7m.</p> <p>A decision was taken 9 August 2019 by Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways to pause all work on the Hereford bypass and a review of the project be undertaken to determine next steps. This decision was called in and a General Scrutiny meeting was held 9<sup>th</sup> 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 bypass project to determine next steps.</p> <p>The 22 October 2019 decision recommendations also included the continuation of the following pieces of work whilst the review is undertaken:</p> <p>Phase 2a consultation report completion  Geophysical survey report completion  Ground Investigation Report (GIR) completion  Walking and Cycling (WCHAR) assessment completion  Traffic Modelling  Large Local Major Bid completion</p> <p>These works are to be commissioned through the public realm contact within a budget envelope of £71k.</p> <p>Proposals are assessed for value for money by Herefordshire Council's Infrastructure and Public Realm contract management teams through due processes before being approved as acceptable.</p> <p>Public Realm contract commissions can be varied, through the change control contractual mechanism, if priorities change and additional or alternative options would be explored.</p>
<p><b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b></p>	<p>The cost of the continuation works may exceed the budget envelope plus tolerance. This could arise from additional costs associated with remobilising professional teams or unforeseen issues arising from the completion of the works. This will be mitigated through the review of the proposals for the works, and the change control mechanism under the public realm contract.</p>
<p><b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b></p>	<p>None</p>

Signed

R Ball  
Director for Economy & Place

Date: 19 March 2020