

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	South Wye Transport Package (SWTP)
Date of decision:	19 March 2020
Decision maker:	Director for Economy & Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The 22 October 2019 decision taken by cabinet member infrastructure and transport on the Hereford Transport Package and South Wye Transport Package approved:</p> <p>(a) A review of the South Wye Transport Package be undertaken to determine next steps, and work on the Southern Link Road and active travel measures (the scope of which will be determined in a further report and be subject to the agreement of funders to draw down funding or provision being made within the capital programme) is continued whilst the review is undertaken;</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6398</p> <p>The 8th March 2019 decision taken by cabinet member infrastructure “South Wye Transport Package – Active Travel Measures” authorised completion of the business case for the package and confirmed that the development of the scheme would be funded from LTP grant pending approval and DfT sign off.</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5768</p>
Ward:	(All Wards); with particular reference to Stoney Street and Wormside
Consultation:	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.
Decision made:	<p>To close down the current commission and associated 19/20 programme of works for the South Wye Transport Package, including the ongoing reporting financial monitoring and supporting briefings in the period between July 2019 and March 2020. This is due to a change in current scope for the project, following the 22 October 2019 Cabinet member infrastructure and transport decision to review the South Wye Transport Package to determine next steps. This will be completed within a budget of £143,000.</p> <p>These works will be funded from the 2019/20 LTP allocation, through a virement from LTP budget in accordance with financial procedure rules.</p>

<p>Reasons for decision:</p>	<p>A decision was taken 9 August 2019 by Cabinet member infrastructure and transport to pause all work on the Southern Link Road and a review of the project 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 infrastructure and transport took a final 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 to determine next steps.</p> <p>On the basis that the works covered by the existing 19/20 commission do not reflect those required following the 22 October 2019 Cabinet Member decision, the existing commission is required to be closed down.</p> <p>The director for economy and place took a decision 14 May 2019 to fund the delivery of the South Wye Transport Package (SWTP) during April through a virement of £160,000 of the LTP grant.</p> <p>The director for economy and place took a further decision on the 4 June 2019 to continue to develop the business case and progress the South Wye Transport Package, including appraisal of options, up to the value of £283,370 be commissioned through the Public Realm Contract during May and June 2019 to enable progress to programme pending further decisions by Cabinet.</p> <p>The director for economy and place took a decision on the 28 June 2019 to fund minor works to secure the planning permission before 18 July 2019 within a budget of £60,000. This was commissioned through the public realm contract and funded from through virements from LTP grant.</p> <p>The director for economy and place took a decision on the 3 July 2019 that in accordance with the delegated authority authorised by the Cabinet member infrastructure decision dated 12 November 2018, the purchase of the property identified within that report be completed within an overall budget of £575,000 and that this be funded through virements from LTP grant.</p> <p>The director for economy and place took a decision on the 20 September 2019 to pay the reasonable professional fees of £52,500 incurred by the landowners in respect of the negotiation of the option agreements on land affected by the SLR funded through virements from LTP grant.</p> <p>The director for economy and place took a further decision on the 19 March 2020 to pay additional professional fees of £2,500 incurred by landowners in respect of the negotiation of the option agreements on land affected by the SLR funded through virements from LTP grant.</p> <p>The further works between July and the close down of the current commission will be funded from a further virement of LTP funding. LTP funding has been identified from the public realm annual plan 2019/20 to cover the costs associated with the works arising from this decision.</p>
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/</p>	<p>Previous decisions in 2019/20 have allocated funding from the annual plan LTP for SWTP to a value of £1,133,370. Costs from July 2019 to</p>

equality considerations:	commission close down are £1,210,000. Therefore a further virement of £76,630 will be taken from LTP funds identified from the public realm annual plan 2019/20. This will be funded from the LTP budget underspend, at no change to the existing programme. This value will be vired from the LTP budget to the South Wye Transport Package budget. The virement of this value within a directorate is permitted under the councils financial procedure rules to be made by the budget holder.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	The existing commission could be continued, not closed down. This was rejected on the basis that the scope of the existing commission was not reflective of the current scope and the management of cost both to date and going forward could most effectively be achieved through a new commission.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None.

Signed

R Ball
Director for Economy & Place

Date: 19 March 2020