

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Hereford City Centre Transport Package – City Link Road
Date of decision:	23 September 2020
Decision maker:	Director for Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The 14 March 2013 decision taken by Cabinet for the Urban Village / Link Road Compulsory Purchase Order and associated Side Roads Order approved:</p> <p>(c) the Deputy Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Director for Places and Communities to implement the Orders, including the acquisition of all necessary land and interests and new rights, and to pay compensation including acquisitions agreed by negotiation and to carry out any other additional steps needed for the implementation of the Orders or scheme for the Link Road;</p> <p>(d) the Director for Places and Communities be authorised to procure and let the construction contract, or contracts, for the Link Road and to take all necessary steps to proceed with the scheme implementation;</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50002740&Opt=0</p>
Ward:	Aylestone Hill, Central, Widemarsh.
Consultation:	Corporate Services, Legal, Property Services.
Decision made:	<p>To appoint Bruton Knowles to provide professional services supporting the assessment of a compensation claim associated with the City Link Road, up to a commission value of £750.</p> <p>This will be funded from the approved HCCTP budget of £40,651 which is included in the council's capital programme.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>The City Link Road was constructed and opened in December 2017 as part of the Hereford City Centre Transport Package (HCCTP).</p> <p>HC require external professional services to provide support in the assessment of a compensation claim received in relation to the construction of the City Link Road.</p> <p>Bruton Knowles have previous experience providing advice on the project under a separate commission. A quotation has been provided to undertake this work and a value for money assessment has been completed against published National Framework rates for this type of service. Herefordshire Council's Corporate Services were consulted regarding procurement and have confirmed compliance with contract procedure rules.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality	<p><i>Risk</i></p> <p>There is a risk that the cost of works may exceed the value outlined in this decision if the property owner makes additional claims which require</p>

considerations:	<p>further assessment or negotiation required to reach a conclusion. Costs will be closely monitored by HC.</p> <p><i>Financial</i></p> <p>The value of the proposed commission places the procurement in the low value category of the Contract Procedure Rules (CPR). A quotation was obtained from Bruton Knowles and the rates checked against published national framework rates for this type of work to confirm it represented value for money. Corporate services were consulted on the approach to the procurement and the value for money check and confirmed they were in line with the CPR.</p> <p>This will be funded from the approved HCCTP budget of £40,651 which is included in the council's capital programme.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Not to appoint external professional service. This is not recommended as Herefordshire Council do not have in-house expertise to effectively assess the compensation claim.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>None</p>

Signed:

Richard Ball
 Director for Economy and Place

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