

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Plot C1 Cycleway
Date of decision:	1 September 2021
Decision maker:	Interim Director for Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Funding for this work will be covered under the following decision:</p> <p>A cabinet member decision taken on 15 August 2019 (Phase 5 budget for the HEZ infrastructure project) gives the Director of Economy and Place the authority to implement interventions relating to this work. The full report and decision notice (Enterprise Zone Capital Interventions Phase 5) can be found here</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=6182</p>
Ward:	Dinedor Hill
Consultation:	<p>Work falls under the Phase 5 budget for HEZ infrastructure (as above) which gives the Director of Economy and Place the authority to implement the decision, as confirmed by Governance. The tender process has been carried out in consultation with the commercial services team to ensure that the council's contract procedure rules are followed correctly.</p> <p>Consultation has taken place with Finance, Legal and the S151 Officer.</p>
Decision made:	To award contract to Walsh Construction Limited to deliver the construction phase of the missing link in the cycleway across the Hereford Enterprise Zone around Plot C1. Work will take place along the northern edge of the Straight Mile and up into Chapel Road. The quoted cost for delivery of the works is £258,925.96. An additional £25,892.60 contingency needs to be included based on the risk analysis carried out by Summers Inman LLP, who will project manage the new development on behalf of the council. The total amount required to implement this decision is therefore £284,818.56.
Reasons for decision:	<p>The construction of the cycleway around Plot C1 will fill in the missing link in the dedicated route from the Canary Bridge right through the Hereford Enterprise Zone to its eastern edge at Fordshill Road and is therefore considered to be an important active travel measure in helping people to access the area more sustainably.</p> <p>Provision of the cycleway is required by the planning department of the council (as the local planning authority) as a condition of opening up plot C1 for development; the employment land made ready and the jobs that will follow form part of the contractual obligations with the Marches LEP for Growth Deal funding.</p> <p>The project also forms an essential part of delivering sustainable travel objectives/active travel measures and planned match funding spend in fulfilling contractual obligations as set out in the grant funding agreement with The Marches LEP.</p> <p>Walsh Construction Limited have been identified as the preferred supplier to</p>

	carry out the work. The opportunity was advertised via open tender on pro-contract. Of the three responses received, Walsh Construction Limited scored highest on combined cost and quality.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Project delivery will be overseen and signed off by Summers Inman LLP (the Hereford Enterprise Zone's Project Management Consultants) to ensure timely delivery of the project on budget. Work will be coordinated with remaining utilities installations due to take place on Plot C1 in coming months.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	The possibility of not carrying out the work has been considered. However, the completion of the missing link in the cycleway is key to achieving a reduction in the number of car journeys to and from the Hereford Enterprise Zone, in line with wider council objectives. The installation is also a requirement of securing planning permission to develop the C1 plots which the council are required to secure to deliver our output obligations as set out in The Marches LEP grant funding agreement. The project will also deliver valuable alternative travel measures match funding spend in fulfilling The Marches LEP requirements, where other quiet activity has not been brought forward.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

Neil Taylor
Interim Director for Economy & Place

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