

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Appointment of Planning Services in relation to the Edgar Street Gird Link Road and Urban Village / Hereford City Centre Transport Package land acquisition
Date of decision:	30 September 2021
Decision maker:	Interim Director for Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Cabinet member Infrastructure and Transport took a decision 22 January 2021 to approve budget adjustments within the HCCTP project budget of £40.651m, which increased the land budget to £16.25m. This decision also approved:</p> <p>That:</p> <p>(c) the Director for Economy and Place in consultation with the Section 151 officer be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to make the remaining City Link Road land acquisition payments.</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50086244/Hereford%20City%20Centre%20Transport%20Package%20HCCTP%20main%20report.pdf</p>
Ward:	Aylestone Hill; Central; College; Eign Hill; Widemarsh.
Consultation:	Consultation of this decision has taken place with finance and legal services
Decision made:	To appoint professional services to provide pre-tribunal planning advice in relation to a claim received as part of the Edgar Street Grid Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) within a contract value of £5,600.
Reasons for decision:	<p>A Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and Side Roads Order (SRO) were made on the 23 August 2013, to enable the delivery of the Link Road and following a public inquiry on 23 September 2014 both the CPO and SRO were confirmed by the Secretary of State for Communities and the Local Government and the Secretary of State for Transport respectively.</p> <p>It is necessary to engage professional support to provide advice in negotiating and agreeing statutory compensation due under s52 Land Compensation Act 1973 up until the 31 December 2021. Cost associated with this decision specifically relate to the one outstanding claim that relate to three property interests.</p> <p>The provider represented the Council as the expert witness at the Edgar Street Grid CPO Public Inquiry in 2013 and has the ability to provide advice within a short timescale. A quotation has been sought to undertake this work and a value for money assessment has been completed against the previous rate used in 2013. Herefordshire Council's Corporate Services were consulted regarding procurement and have confirmed compliance with contract procedure rules.</p> <p>The anticipated £5,600 is to provide pre-tribunal advice. Should additional</p>

	support be required then this will be the subject of a further decision.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p><i>Financial</i></p> <p>There is a risk that the cost of works may exceed the value outlined in this decision. An estimate has been sought from the provider and will be monitored against the estimate provided and is within the approved £16,250,000 land budget. Should additional support be required this will form the subject of a further decision.</p> <p><i>Procurement</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 the provider and the rates checked against a previous commissioned rate which confirmed 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>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	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.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

Neil Taylor
Interim Director Economy and Place

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