

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Hereford Transport Strategy – community support officer for transport
Date of decision:	9 February 2022
Decision maker:	Interim Director Environment and Economy
Authority for delegated decision:	Chief Executive's Scheme of Delegation Paragraph 9.
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Service Director Communities has been consulted on the location of this community support role for transport within the Talk Community team and confirmed that they are in agreement. Legal and finance officers haven been consulted and comments incorporated into this decision report.
Decision made:	To recruit a Talk Community Transport Officer at a cost of £50K over a period of 18 months. This post is to be funded from the Settlement Monies Reserves.
Reasons for decision:	Cabinet agreed that a budget of £50k from the Settlement Monies Reserve should be allocated to support community led transport proposals, project development, identification of funding sources and bidding for funds transport at its meeting of 24 June 2021 (here). Locating the post within the Talk Community team will generate synergies around the council's approach for supporting community led initiatives.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equal ity considerations:	Functional links will be maintained between the post and the council's active travel and transport strategy functions to ensure coordination around related projects and policy development. This will include developing rural access improvements, community led active travel and carbon reduction measures projects and joining up the health and wellbeing agenda with transport solutions.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Locating the post within the council's Sustainability and Climate Change Team was considered but this was rejected in acknowledgement that the Talk Community Team would provide a stronger opportunity to provide community focused support and would support a more corporate approach to community led transport solutions. However, functional links will be maintained with the Sustainability and Climate Change Team and also the Transport Strategy Team to ensure close coordination of relevant activity.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

Print Name: Neil Taylor

Job Title: Interim Director for Economy and Environment