

Record of operational decision

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| Decision title: | Decision to spend for Safer Streets 5 grant monies and delegated authority |
| Date of decision: | 26 June 2024 |
| Decision maker: | Service Director - Economy and Growth |
| Authority for delegated decision: | <p>A non-key decision was taken on 26 February 2024 (decision to approve spend for the Safer Streets 5 Project). The full report and decision notice can be found here: Decision - To approve spend for the Safer Streets 5 Project - Herefordshire Council</p> <p>Delegated authority was authorised for The Service Director for Economy and Growth, in consultation with the Corporate Director - Economy & Environment and the Council's Section 151 Officer to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above recommendations.</p> |
| Wards: | <p>Leominster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East - South <p>Ross-on-Wye:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East - West |
| Consultation: | Consultation has taken place with the Strategic Capital Finance Manager and Ward Members for Wards impacted by the project. |
| Decision made: | <p>To approve spend for Safer Streets 5 up to a maximum value of £164,982 to install CCTV and upgrade street lighting in areas identified within Leominster and Ross-On-Wye.</p> <p>Provision for the spend is related directly to the cabinet report listed above and there will be a contribution from Leominster Town Council and Ross Town Council(subject to approval) to carry out specific CCTV works in conjunction with the Safer Streets 5 project costs.</p> <p>Financial Breakdown</p> <p>The Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia Police- £149,982 Leominster Town Council- £4,500 Ross Town Council- £10,500</p> <p>The completion date for the project is scheduled for 31 March 2025. A detailed Programme plan will be shared with West Mercia Police to confirm delivery.</p> <p>Authority is delegated to the Senior Project Manager from the Service Director – Economy & Growth to act as spend manager for the project.</p> |
| Reasons for decision: | To support the grant bid made to the Home Office by The Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia (PCCWM). It focuses on routes taken home by females when out in the Night Time Economy (NTE) in Hereford. Four geographic areas were identified (Leominster – East & South wards, Ross-on-Wye – East & West wards) through crime statistics, public surveys and wider consultation. In response, the Hereford Safer Streets 5 Project will specifically target Violence Against Women and |

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| | <p>Girls (VAWG) offences of street harassment and violence, stalking, sexual assault, rape and domestic abuse perpetrated in public.</p> <p>The improvements that require delivery from the council are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional CCTV cameras - Enhanced street lighting |
| Equality Considerations | <p>It is intended that this initiative will provide an increased level of safety to the residents in the wards of Leominster and Ross-on-Wye where these works will be delivered, inclusive of all protected characteristics. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows: A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; b) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; c) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it |
| Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations: | <p>Works to the public realm will be undertaken utilising the BBLP Public Realm Contract. The additional CCTV cameras will be procured and supplied through a mini competition via the ESPO Framework Agreement No. 628_19 (Lot 1), procured in line with the council's contract procedure rules.</p> |
| Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: | <p>The alternative option was not to accept the grant. The grant has been awarded to The Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia from the Home Office, for which they are required to deliver the Safer Streets 5 Project. These elements of the project are only able to be facilitated by the council, which was supported by the Chief Executive of the council as part of the consultation process in preparation of the bid by The Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, and therefore, the option to not accept the grant was rejected.</p> |
| Details of any declarations of interest made: | <p>None.</p> |

Signed..... Date: