

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Levelling Up Fund – Infrastructure Improvements at 2 schools																		
Date of decision:	15 July 2026																		
Decision maker:	Corporate Director Economy & Environment																		
Authority for delegated decision:	The Cabinet decision dated 12 January 2023 To accept and Spend any Approved Levelling Up Funding (LUF) Allocated to Herefordshire authorises the following:- c) To accept and approve expenditure related any Levelling Up Funding offered by government for a package of transport and active travel measures in and around Hereford city; d) To delegate to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways, and the Section 151 Officer, all operational decisions in implementing the funding in accordance with the bids to government. https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=9243																		
Ward:	Greyfriars and Hinton & Hunderton ward																		
Consultation:	Consultation for this decision has taken place with the Council’s Finance, Commercial and Procurement teams, Cabinet Member Economy and Environment, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways and s151 Officer.																		
Decision made:	To award a contract to Velta Construction Ltd – to the value of £201,930.81 for Infrastructure Improvements near Lord Scudamore Academy on Friar Street, and Riverside Primary School on Belmont Avenue. The costs split is as follows: LUF North (Lord Scudamore Academy): £125,109.31 LUF South (Riverside Primary School) £76,821.50 To build in a 15% contingency amount bringing the total allocated to: LUF North: £143,875.71 LUF South: £88,344.73 To further delegate all operational and budgetary decisions up to the maximum value of £233,000.00 for this scheme to the Interim Delivery Director Infrastructure, Capital Programme Manager and Capital Project Manager.																		
Reasons for decision:	The Cabinet decision of 12 January 2023 accepted the Levelling Up Fund (LUF)grant from central government which was allocated to a number of projects including ‘Safer Routes to School’. The devised scheme aims to increase the safety of pedestrians and cyclists and promote active travel.																		
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Financial Implications The total budget allocation for this element of the Levelling Up Fund is £990k, split equally between North and South, and the costs will fall within this amount. The available budget, not accounting for the cost of this award, is as follows: NORTH <table><tr><th>Budget</th><th>Spend to Date</th><th>Committed</th><th>Remaining</th></tr><tr><td>£495K</td><td>£217,217</td><td>£9,786</td><td>£267,997</td></tr></table> SOUTH <table><tr><th>Budget</th><th>Spend to Date</th><th>Committed</th><th>Remaining</th></tr><tr><td>£495K</td><td>£164,075</td><td>£18,410</td><td>£312,515</td></tr></table> Under the selection process for the framework, Officers have used the quotation information provided which shows that the total of the prices of Velta Construction Ltd is lower than the other suppliers on the Framework that responded to this opportunity, and therefore this Supplier provides the council with value for money.			Budget	Spend to Date	Committed	Remaining	£495K	£217,217	£9,786	£267,997	Budget	Spend to Date	Committed	Remaining	£495K	£164,075	£18,410	£312,515
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	Expenditure of LUF funds has been in accordance with the HC policies and Memorandum of Understanding. Risk Management This project has an up-to-date risk register, which is monitored at the monthly project board meetings. The creation of a framework has contributed to minimising risks associated with procurement delay, supply chain resilience and demonstrating competition and value for money for the public purse. The identified works should reduce the risk to users on the network as a result of improved condition. Legal Implications A procurement process to create a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework was conducted during January and February 2024 in accordance with the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules. The framework is operated under the NEC4 Framework Contract arrangements with NEC4 Engineering and Construction Short Contracts used for delivery of individual schemes. Equality considerations The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to award. This option is not recommended. The preferred supplier has been identified following all agreed procurement principles. Not to appoint would hinder the Council's ability to deliver the LUF programme and therefore risks clawback of funding provided.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 15 July 2026
 Roger Allonby
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 Economy & Environment Directorate