

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member community services and assets

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| Title | Hereford Museum and Art Gallery progress update and recommendations (no longer a Budget and Policy Framework item as no amendment to capital programme required). |
| Decision maker | Cabinet member community services and assets Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251 |
| Date of decision | 21 August 2024 |
| Report exemption class | |
| Reason for being a key decision | <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p> |
| A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. | |
| General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution) | No |
| Purpose | To approve the procurement of a contractor to complete the remaining elements of RIBA stage 4 (construction design), and subject to the outcome being within the available budget, the construction phase of the project thereafter (up to RIBA stage 7). To accept and approve expenditure of the additional £750,000 from Arts Council England. |
| Decision | <p>That:</p> <p>a) The Corporate Director Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Assets, be</p> |

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| | <p>given delegated authority to procure and award a contract to a contractor to complete the remaining elements of RIBA stages 4 (construction design) of the Hereford Museum and Art Gallery project and then commission up to RIBA stage 7 (practical completion) up to the project budget as defined in the capital programme;</p> <p>b) accept £750,000.00 funding offered from Arts Council England and approve expenditure of the grant funding following the amendment to the capital programme budget for the Hereford Museum and Art Gallery project;</p> <p>c) the Corporate Director Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Assets be delegated authority to make all operational decisions required, including the expenditure of all remaining capital funding (including any additional funding secured from external providers), to progress the Hereford Museum and Art Gallery project to RIBA 7; and</p> <p>d) the S151 Officer be delegated authority, to accept any additional funding and adjust the capital programme for Hereford Museum and Art Gallery redevelopment project if additional funding is secured from external providers.</p> |
| Reason for the decision | <p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?lId=50049094</p> |
| Options considered | <p>1. Not to progress the project. This is not recommended as it would mean the significant economic challenges identified in the Hereford Town Investment Plan would not be addressed, and the city/county would lose the additional £10.8 million external funding that has been secured.</p> |
| Declarations of interest (see below) | |
| Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply) | 28 August 2024 |

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| <p>Councillor:</p> <p>Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst)</p> | <p>Date 21 August 2024</p> |
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.