

Written statement of a key decision
Marches Enterprise Joint Committee

Title	Marches Growth Deal Update
Decision maker	Marches Enterprise Joint Committee Information about Marches Enterprise Joint Committee, including the names of the members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=873
Date of decision	12 December 2016
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	Expenditure
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 notify the Committee of progress in the delivery of Growth Deal 1 & 2 funded projects; spend against 2016/17 Local Growth Funds (LGF) profile; and ongoing work to bring forward expenditure on current Growth Deal schemes to ensure the LEP spends its full 2016/17 LGF allocation. 2 To seek Committee approval for the temporary virement of LGF funding between approved LGF1 projects being delivered in order to achieve full LGF spend allocated for projects in 2016/17.
Decision	THAT the Joint Committee: a) Note the update and support the LEP Director in: i. the request made to all project sponsors to bring forward expenditure on their Growth Deal projects ii. working to maximise growth deal 2016/17 expenditure and minimise underspend and potential loss of LGF to the LEP Programme; and b) Agree the principle of virements and vire LGF1 grant between approved LGF1 projects being delivered (principally from Telford Growth Point to Telford Eastern Gateway Project).

Reason for the decision	To ensure that Growth Deal projects continue to make progress and that Local Growth Funds allocated for 2016/17 are not lost to the Growth Deal Programme.
Options considered	If provisions are not put in place to deal with underspends, funding may be lost to the programme.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where general exception or special urgency provisions apply)	Herefordshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council: 20 December 2016 Shropshire Council: [Call in expiry date above, plus two working days, i.e. five working days] If general exception or special urgency provisions apply, delete text in this box and type 'Not subject to call-in'.

Councillor: Councillor AW Johnson, Chairman of the Marches Enterprise Joint Committee	Date 12 December 2016
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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 by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.