

Written statement of a non-key officer decision
Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste Services

Title	Hereford Heat Network - Detailed Project Development
Decision maker	Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste Services
Date of decision	18 February 2019
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	<p>This report seeks approval to accept a successful funding application made to the Department of Business Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and to commission a detailed project development (DPD) study for a heat network in Hereford City.</p> <p>The funding offer from BEIS is for £151,500 which will be matched with £49,500 from existing budgets.</p> <p>An additional funding bid has been submitted to the Marches LEP's project development fund for match funding of £20,000. If successful, this report also seeks approval to accept this funding to reduce the required match from the council.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Herefordshire council accept the grant funding from BEIS; (b) The study be commissioned as per the application form at appendix 1; (c) Existing budgets be used as match funding at a cost of no more than £49,500, and (d) That if successful, Herefordshire Council accept the grant funding from the Marches LEP's development fund; (e) The Energy & Active Travel Manager be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the scheme including determination of grant applications in accordance with scheme criteria
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/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50028731</p>

Consultation	
Options considered	1. Not to accept the grant funding. This is not recommended as without financial support from BEIS this project will not proceed, resulting in a lost investment opportunity to develop a local low carbon, low cost district energy scheme in Hereford.
Declarations of interest	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	22 February 2019

<p>Officer:</p> <p>Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste Services (Marc Willimont)</p>	<p>Date 18 February 2019</p>
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