

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member environment, economy and skills**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Herefordshire Community Renewal Fund submission</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member environment, economy and skills Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	11 June 2021
Report exemption class	Open
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 submission to government of a shortlist of projects applying to the UK Community Renewal Fund for a combined maximum amount of £3m, and for the council to agree to be the accountable body for any Community Renewal Funding awarded to those projects shortlisted by the council and approved by government.
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <p><b>a) Subsequent to an independently conducted appraisal process that followed government guidance and appraisal criteria, the council approves the submission of a shortlist of recommended projects to the</b></p>

	<p><b>government's UK Community Renewal Fund by 18 June 2021;</b></p> <p><b>b) The council agrees to act as the accountable body for the Community Renewal Fund within Herefordshire and any grant funding award that is agreed with government;</b></p> <p><b>c) Authority is delegated to the Director for Economy and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member Environment and Economy to confirm and submit to government a shortlist of Community Renewal Fund project bids with a combined value of up to £3m;</b></p> <p><b>d) Authority is delegated to the Director for Economy and Place and S151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member Environment and Economy to undertake any operational decisions required to implement the Community Renewal Fund within Herefordshire;</b></p> <p><b>e) The council accepts the grant of £20k capacity funding to support the promotion and appraisal of the Community Renewal Fund, and any further capacity funding to manage grant fund awards.</b></p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50037636">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50037636</a></p>
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alternative Option 1 - To not make a submission to the UK Community Renewal Fund.</li> <li>2. Advantages – the council would not be exposed to any risk associated with the delivery of the Community Renewal Fund.</li> <li>3. Disadvantages – Since the announcement by government of the Community Renewal Fund and inclusion of Herefordshire as one of 100 priority places there has been significant anticipation and interest in making project submissions from a range of public, private and voluntary groups from within Herefordshire. The council are tasked with assessing applications and making a submission to government of a shortlist of bids on behalf of third party organisations. There would be significant reputational impact if the council determined not to make a submission.</li> </ol>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	17 June 2021

Councillor: .....

Date 11 June 2021

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skills (Councillor Ellie Chowns)

- 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.