

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Leominster Heritage Action Zone
Decision maker	Cabinet 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	23 September 2021
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	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.
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 expenditure and deliver activities as detailed in the Leominster Heritage Action Zone Delivery Plan
Decision	That: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Director for economy and place, following consultation with the Section 151 Officer, the Cabinet member for environment and economy and the Cabinet member for infrastructure and transport, be authorised to approve expenditure required to deliver the public realm projects which will be procured in line with the council's contracts procedures rules¹; b) The Director for economy and place, following consultation with Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet member for environment and economy and Cabinet member for infrastructure and transport, be authorised take all operational decisions necessary to deliver the balance of the programme, including

	<p>grant schemes and information and engagement projects within the total project budget of £3.6m; and</p> <p>c) The Section 151 Officer be authorised to reduce the grant element of the overall budget to up to £1.8m from the £2m originally estimated and approved at Council so that the overall capital programme budget for this project is £3.6m.</p> <p>¹ Herefordshire Council Constitution; Part 4 – Procedure Rules Updated: 26 January 2021</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?IId=50038686</p>
Options considered	<p>1. Do nothing – the council is not statutorily obliged to deliver this programme. Not delivering the programme would mean that the council would not have to incur up to £1.8m of capital expenditure to match fund the programme activities. This option has been discounted as the council would lose the grant funding and the ability to deliver the activities as detailed in Heritage Action Zone – Leominster decision taken on 23 July 2020.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	29 September 2021

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Leader of the Council (Councillor David Hitchiner)</p>	<p>Date 23 September 2021</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.