

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport

Title	Hereford City Centre Improvements (HCCI)
Decision maker	Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport 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	7 October 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 provide an update to HCCI project elements and associated spend profile from that outlined within the 3 December 2020 Cabinet Member decision, and to grant delegated authority to the Director of Economy and Place in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer to progress and deliver the project elements within the outlined budget.
Decision	That: a) The following elements of the Hereford City Centre Improvements programme are progressed in place of these originally set out in the cabinet report dated 3 December 2020: a. High Town existing enhancements b. High Town area minor works c. Market and event infrastructure d. CCTV enhancements e. Façade improvement grants / business grants

	<p>f. Cathedral and River Wye Quarter design g. St Owen’s Street cycle contraflow h. Widemarsh Street kerb improvements i. Cathedral & River Wye Quarter planters j. City Link Road planters and Trees k. City Greening l. “City Trees” m. City green cycle shelters n. Public art/Installations o. Hostile Vehicle Mitigation p. Programme project management</p> <p>b) The Director for Economy and Place be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to progress and deliver the programme elements within the overall programme budget outlined within paragraph 17 of the report on a programme basis across the projects; and</p> <p>c) The Chief Financial Officer be authorised to vary the grant funding agreement if acceptance of the updated project elements and spend profile outlined within this decision is received from the Marches LEP.</p>
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50039138
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not to progress with the project. This is not recommended as this will either reduce investment in Hereford city centre which is not consistent with the council’s corporate policy to support the local economy and growth or place additional pressures on the Council’s capital programme. 2. To payback the Marches LEP grant funding and continue the scheme with Council capital only. This is not recommended as it will reduce the overall budget to £3m for investment within Hereford city centre reducing the programme scope and impact.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	13 October 2021

Councillor:	Date 7 October 2021
Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport (Councillor John Harrington)	

- 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.