

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member community services and assets

Title	Ross Enterprise Park Phase 1
Decision maker	Cabinet member community services and assets 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	12 February 2024
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 the expenditure of up to £550,000 (capital) to enable the development of Ross Enterprise Park, commissioning the detailed design work and any required surveys to inform a tender for the physical delivery of phase one of the approved scheme.
Decision	That: a) To approve expenditure of up to £550,000 capital to deliver the detailed design stage of the proposed phase 1 development of Ross Enterprise Park; b) Once detailed design stage completed, to approve and action the procurement of a contractor to complete the required works; and c) To delegate all operational decisions to the Service Director for Economy and Growth in consultation with the

	Cabinet Member for Community Services and Assets to implement recommendations (a) and (b) including the award of the contract to the preferred bidder following conclusion of the procurement undertaken in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules.
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=50047178
Options considered	<p>1: Do nothing: Do not develop Ross Enterprise Park and allow the market to meet the employment need of the Ross on Wye locality. This option has been discounted as there is an observed market failure for the delivery of new employment space of any scale within Herefordshire. The opportunity to obtain the benefits of the scheme would be lost. This is not recommended.</p> <p>2: Utilise an alternative delivery model: No other viable delivery models have been identified, but the proposed development model has been used with success at Skylon Park, Hereford Enterprise Zone. Efforts have been made to secure gap funding and Enterprise Zone status from Her Majesty's Government however as a result of the highly competitive nature of the initiatives, those applications were ultimately unsuccessful. This is not recommended.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	16 February 2024

Councillor:	Date 12 February 2024
Cabinet member community services and assets (Councillor Harry Bramer)	

- 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.