

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Construction of Site Access, Infrastructure & Groundworks at Plot C1, Hereford Enterprise Zone
Date of decision:	27 January 2021
Decision maker:	Director for Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>A cabinet member decision was taken on 5 October 2020 (decision to spend £5,432k of LEP grant funding that was allocated to further develop the Hereford Enterprise Zone).</p> <p>The full report and decision notice can be found here http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7214.</p>
Ward:	Dinedor Hill
Consultation:	<p>Work falls within the scope of the decision to spend £5,432k LEP funds (as above) which gives the Director of Economy and Place the delegated authority to implement the decision including the procurement and commissioning of new projects in consultation with the S151 Officer (as confirmed with Governance). This project is included in an overarching procurement and commissioning strategy for the works approved by both the Director of Economy and Place and the S151 Officer. The commercial team have been consulted throughout the tender process to ensure that the contract procedure rules are followed correctly. Further consultation has also taken place with Finance, Legal and the S151 Officer.</p>
Decision made:	<p>To award a contract to Walsh Construction Limited for the construction of the Plot C1 works.</p> <p>The quoted cost for delivery of the works is £728,184.81 although a contingency amount of £150,000 also needs to be included to safeguard against identified risks. The contingency amount has been identified following a detailed risk analysis carried out by the council appointed consultant project managers (Summers Inman LLP). A total figure of £878,184.81 therefore requires sign off for the work to commence.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>Significant work has already taken place at Plot C1 including grounds clearance, ground investigations and building up the plot to the required levels. This project includes the construction of two new site access points, additional drainage features and installation of the foul drainage. Following completion of this work, the land will be development ready and can be sold to identified investors.</p> <p>Walsh Construction Limited have been appointed following an open tender exercise which was carried out via the pro contract system. The Council's contract procedure rules have been followed with support from the Commercial team. Walsh Construction Limited scored highest in the evaluation exercise.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Seven tenders were secured via the Council's procurement portal, and evaluated according to cost and quality. The identified contingency sum will ensure that delivery of the project is safeguarded against identified risks.</p>

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	The possibility of not carrying out the work has been considered. However, the sale of Plot C1 depends entirely on the development of the required infrastructures. The land needs to be development ready before it can be sold to identified businesses, which in turn will help the Enterprise Zone to achieve its economic development and employment objectives.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

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Richard Ball
Director for Economy & Place