

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Gas Installation to North Magazine
Date of decision:	10 March 2021
Decision maker:	Solicitor to the Council and Acting Deputy Chief Executive
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Funding for this work will be covered under the following decisions:</p> <p>A cabinet member decision was taken on 5th October 2020 (decision to spend £5,432k of LEP grant funding that was allocated to further develop the Hereford Enterprise Zone). The full report and decision notice can be found here http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?!D=7214</p> <p>A cabinet member decision taken on 15th August 2019 (Phase 5 budget for the HEZ infrastructure project) gives the Director of Economy and Place the authority to implement interventions relating to this work. The full report and decision notice (Enterprise Zone Capital Interventions Phase 5) can be found here http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?id=6182</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). Any spend on this work after the end of March 2021 (estimated 15%) will be picked up using Phase 5 HEZ Infrastructure funding.</p> <p>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. Further consultation has also taken place with Finance, Legal, Commercial Services and the S151 Officer.</p>
Decision made:	<p>To award a contract to Total Utility Connections (TUC) Limited for the installation of gas to the North Magazine. The quoted cost for delivery of the works is £49,458.65, which includes installation of meter housing/kiosks and concrete bases. An additional £10,000 contingency needs to be included based on the risk analysis carried out by SMS plc (Enterprise Zone Utility Consultants). The total amount required to implement this decision is therefore £59,458.65. The services will be installed into a pre-excavated trench which is being prepared as part of the wider North Magazine Civil Works tender package.</p> <p>This will be funded £42,039.85 using LEP funds with the remaining £7,418.80 (plus £10,000 contingency) coming from Phase 5 Enterprise Zone funds.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>Significant remediation work has already taken place on the North Magazine, including extensive ground investigations and earth movement/sifting in preparing the site for further development. Detailed design (including utilities installation) has now also been completed following the masterplanning exercise carried out in Summer 2020. The installation of gas to the identified</p>

	<p>plots forms an essential part of preparing the land for sale and development.</p> <p>Total Utility Connections Limited have been appointed to carry out the work. The opportunity was advertised via open tender via pro-contract. Of the five responses received, Total Utility Connections Limited scored highest against combined cost and quality.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Project delivery will be overseen and signed off by the Enterprise Zone's Utility Consultants (SMS plc) to ensure timely delivery on budget. Work will be coordinated with wider North Magazine Civil works which are currently being delivered.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>The possibility of not carrying out the work has been considered. However, the sale of land at the North Magazine depends entirely on the development of the required infrastructure (with installation of gas forming an essential component). The land at the North Magazine 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.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>None</p>

Signed:

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