

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	North Magazine Earthworks (Plot Raising)
Date of decision:	23 March 2021
Decision maker:	Director for Economy and Place
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 5 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?ID=7214)</p> <p>A cabinet member decision was taken on 15 August 2019 (Phase 5 budget for the HEZ infrastructure project) delegated authority to the Director of Economy and Place 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>The 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 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 Owen Pell Limited for the purchase of approximately thirteen thousand cubic metres of clean material as well as the required works to carry out necessary raising, levelling and compaction of plots 1, 2 and 12 on the North Magazine. The quoted cost for delivery of the works is £428,774.57.</p> <p>This will be funded £363,836.46 using LEP funds with the remaining £64,938.11 coming from Phase 5 Enterprise Zone funds.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>The North Magazine Civil Works are now well underway following extensive land remediation, design work and the masterplanning exercise which has all taken place in recent years. This work is for the purchase of 13,333 cubic meters of clean material as well as the required works to carry out necessary raising and compaction of plots 1, 2 and 12 on the North Magazine. There is significant ground raising which needs to be undertaken to ensure the development platform meets flood management requirements and allows the installation of utilities. This work needs to take place alongside the main civil works and forms an essential part of preparing the land for sale and development.</p> <p>Owen Pell Limited have been identified as the preferred supplier to carry out the work. The opportunity was advertised via an open procurement exercise via pro-</p>

	contract for a period of three of 3 weeks. Of the responses received, Owen Pell scored highest against both cost and quality. Commercial Services have been consulted during the tender process to ensure the tender work is in line with Council CPR's.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Project delivery will be overseen and signed off by the Enterprise Zone's Project Management Consultants (Mace Limited) to ensure timely delivery on budget. Activities will be coordinated with wider North Magazine Civil works which are currently being delivered.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	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 the identified earthworks and plot raising 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.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

Richard Ball
Director for Economy & Place

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