

## Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Variation to Public Realm Annual Plan 2021/22 – addition of flood and coastal erosion risk management Grant in Aid funding</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	25 June 2021
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Acting Assistant Director Highways & Transport / Head of Infrastructure Delivery
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>The authority is for the specified officer to take this decision, in the key decision taken by cabinet member Transport and Regulatory Services in regards to Balfour Beatty Living Places public realm annual plan 2021/22 on 26 April 2021.</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?!D=7852">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?!D=7852</a></p> <p>The decision included provision that: the acting assistant director highways and transport be authorised to agree in consultation with the Section 151 officer, through the BBLP contract governance arrangements, final adjustments to the programme (including any recommendations from the strategic partnering board) and budget allocation to each of the annex and any in year adjustments to the plan, within the overall budget.</p>
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	Herefordshire Council's finance team Herefordshire Council's legal team
<b>Decision made:</b>	To add £108k to Annex 7 of the public realm annual plan 2021/22 in order to enable delivery of the Ayles Brook and Wellington projects.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The Environment Agency has approved the allocation of flood and coastal erosion risk management (FCERM) Grant in Aid (GiA) funding for the first year of their new six year programme, including the Ayles Brook (£73k) and Wellington (£35k) projects.</p> <p>Through Annex 7 of the public realm annual plan, BBLP support the council in its role as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA). These locations are settlements within the county at which the council has been trying to mitigate flood risk and investigative works by BBLP have identified the preferred approach of a hydraulic modelling study of the Ayles Brook and feasibility works at Wellington.</p> <p>These projects will be delivered within the grant allocation of £108k</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal / equality considerations:</b>	There is a risk that if this funding is not added to the public realm annual plan, the intended programme of work is not able to be completed before the end of March 2022.
<b>Details of any alternative options</b>	Do nothing. This is not recommended due to the existing fluvial flood risk to properties in these areas and to carry out projects here would be consistent

<b>considered and rejected:</b>	with the council's series of responsibilities to coordinate the management of local flood risk.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	

Signed

Date: 25 June 2021

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