

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Variation to Annual Plan 2021/22 – Critical Friend Reviews for St Owen Street cycleway contraflow and Widemarsh Street kerb schemes.
Date of decision:	27 August 2021
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director Highways and Transport
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The Cabinet Member Infrastructure and Transport took a decision 26 April 2021 to confirm the annual plan 2021/22 for the public realm services contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places. This decision authorised:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) 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> <p>This decision can be viewed using the following link:</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7852</p>
Ward:	Central
Consultation:	Consultation of this decision has taken place with the council's finance, legal services and contract management teams.
Decision made:	To reallocate £20k of Local Transport Plan (LTP) capital funding from the 2021/22 public realm annual plan to the undertaking of critical friend reviews of the St Owen Street contraflow cycleway scheme and the Widemarsh Street kerb.
Reasons for decision:	<p>There is a desire for critical friend reviews to be procured and undertaken for the developed design of the St Owen Street contraflow cycleway scheme and the proposed works for the kerbs in Widemarsh Street.</p> <p>The St Owen Street scheme proposes the introduction of a segregated contraflow cycle lane along the length of St Owen Street, Hereford, a number of uncontrolled crossings with footway build outs, together with a new signal controlled crossing at the Bath Street end of St Owen Street. Feedback from consultations, together with design reviews and safety audits have contributed to the development of the design over this period.</p> <p>An evaluation has been undertaken of the previously completed refurbishment of Widemarsh Street as part of the High Town design review associated with the Hereford City Centre Improvements (HCCI). This has developed options for further enhancements to the kerbs in this area.</p> <p>Procurement of consultants to undertake the critical friend reviews will be undertaken directly by the council in accordance with the council's procurement rules.</p>

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<i>Financial</i> There is a risk that the allocated budget is not sufficient to undertake the required reviews. Knowledge of similar reviews has formed the basis of the budget. A procurement process to identify a preferred consultant will be undertaken and costs will be monitored regularly. Risk There is a risk that programmes contained within the Annual plan may be affected. Any change to Annual plan programmes will be managed through the Public realm contract mechanisms and contractual change control mechanism.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to progress the critical friend reviews. This is not recommended as the reviews are necessary to informing the programme of works for the Hereford City Centre Improvements (HCCI) project.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

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