

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Officer approval of Sustainable Energy in Public Buildings Grant made by Herefordshire Council at The Courtyard Theatre.
Date of decision:	17 th November 2021
Decision maker:	Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The authority is for the specified officer to take this decision as approved on 5/8/20:</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50032547</p> <p>Note: the original decision report delegated authority to Assistant Director for Regulatory Environment and Waste, this post has been superseded by Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste.</p>
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	The Grant application has been recommended for sign off by the project steering group and endorsed by the project board.
Decision made:	Approve (sign-off) application for ERDF funded Sustainable Energy in Public Buildings Grant funding for The Courtyard Theatre, Hereford and subsequent grant offer.
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Assistant Director for Regulation, Environment and Waste Services was authorised to accept the ERDF funding and to implement the Sustainable Energy in Public Buildings project in accordance with the decision approved by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Economy & Skills as approved on 5 August 2020. - Approval of Grants by the Assistant Director for Regulation, Environment and Waste Services forms part of our agreed Governance process with the managing authority, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) - The post has now been superseded by the Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste and delegated power now defers to the relevant post-holder. - The Sustainable Energy in Public Buildings Steering Group and Project Board have recommended and endorsed the project at The Courtyard Theatre, Hereford for Grant funding. - Approval of the grant will contribute capital expenditure and outputs against the project budget and targets respectively, as agreed in the project funding agreement and subsequent approved project change requests. - ERDF Sustainable Energy in Public Buildings funding supports the installation of low carbon measures across the Marches public estate, which will reduce revenue costs, contribute to carbon emissions targets and enhance the local low carbon

	economy.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As the project lead authority, Herefordshire Council have signed a legally binding project agreement, which details their obligations to ensure that project expenditure is allocated in line with ERDF Programme requirements. - Approval is for £12,126.34 to be offered as grant for solar PV, LED lighting and controls. This forms 50% of total costs for the installed measures with the remaining 50% to be provided as match funding. - Herefordshire Council, as a grant recipient, are also required to accept the required terms of grant, sign off a project completion document and submit evidence of spend before Grant funding is released by the Managing Authority (MHCLG) - Individual building installations will take place in full consultation with relevant property management personnel to ensure health and safety compliance. The appropriate officers will also be required to provide technical sign-off in accordance with the schedule of works.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	By continuing with business as usual the revenue savings and associated carbon reduction benefits to Herefordshire Council and partners of the sustainable energy in public buildings project would not be realised. The Council would therefore be reliant on ad-hoc capital loans to deliver energy retro-fit projects. Due to historic reductions in public sector budgets and renewable energy/energy efficiency subsidies this is becoming increasingly difficult to justify from a business-case perspective.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	N/A

Signed..... Date: