

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Variation to Public Realm Annual Plan 2021/22 – addition of funding
<b>Date of decision:</b>	22 February 2022
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>Authority for this decision was delegated to the Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste in the Public Realm Service Annual Plan 2021/22 decision taken by the Cabinet Member Transport and Regulatory Services on 26 April 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7852">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7852</a></p>
<b>Ward:</b>	Stoney Street
<b>Consultation:</b>	Consultation of this decision has taken place with the council's Section 151 Officer, finance and legal services teams.
<b>Decision made:</b>	<p>To add a further £10k to Annex 7 of the Public Realm Annual Plan 2021/22 in order to enable progression of an identified scheme at the Yazor Brook Flood Alleviation.</p> <p>This project cost of £10k will be funded from a funding allocation of £70k earmarked for developing flood schemes for the county's residents, businesses and communities who are vulnerable to flooding.</p>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>Through Annex 7 of the Public Realm Annual Plan, BBLP support the council in its role as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA).</p> <p>The Yazor Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) was delivered to reduce the risks of flooding within the city of Hereford to public infrastructure and public and private properties within the existing Yazor/Widemarsh Brooks floodplains. The Yazor Brook FAS was completed in 2012 but shortly after it became operational damage occurred at the outfall of the scheme to the River Wye bank during periods of heavy rainfall and floods that occurred. Permission was given by Natural England for the temporary repair of the River Wye bank and this was put in place immediately following the heavy rainfall and an appraisal of alternative permanent designs for the outfall area damaged by flooding commenced.</p> <p>A series of consultations with relevant stakeholders has taken place over subsequent years and this decision will enable further works to confirm a preferred option to be taken forward for detailed design and delivery.</p> <p>This funding is required in addition to the £10k that was approved for the Yazor FAS in December 2021 through a Record of Officer Decision. This extra funding will enable consultation with stakeholders.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality</b>	There is a risk that if this funding is not added to the Public Realm Annual Plan the works will not be completed before autumn 2023.

<b>considerations:</b>	
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	Do nothing. This is not recommended due to the existing flood risk to properties. To carry out works here would be consistent with the council's series of responsibilities to coordinate the management of local flood risk.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None.

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

**Signed:**

**Print Name:** Phil Crossland

**Job Title:** Interim Service Director – Highways, Environment & Waste