

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Variation to Public Realm Annual Plan 2022/23 – addition of funding
Date of decision:	10 May 2022
Decision maker:	Interim Service Director Environment, Highways, Waste, Economy and Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Authority for this decision was delegated to the Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste in the Public Realm Service Annual Plan 2022/23 decision taken by the Cabinet Member Transport and Regulatory Services on 10 May 2022.</p> <p>Issue details - Public Realm Services Annual Plan 2022-2023 - Herefordshire Council</p>
Ward:	Stoney Street
Consultation:	Consultation of this decision has taken place with the council's finance and legal services teams.
Decision made:	<p>To allocate a budget of £25k to enable further progression of identified works for the Yazor Brook Flood Alleviation. Part of this funding is to be allocated to Annex 7 of the Public Realm Annual Plan 2021/22 with the remaining held for consultation with stakeholders.</p> <p>This budget is being provided from a funding allocation earmarked for developing flood schemes for the county's residents, businesses and communities who are vulnerable to flooding.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<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 took place over subsequent years. In FY 2021/22 a budget of £20k was allocated to progress further stakeholder consultation to inform the development of a preferred option to be taken forward for detailed design and delivery. Details of these decisions can be viewed using the following links:</p>

	<p>Decision - Variation to Public Realm Annual Plan 2021/22 – addition of funding - Herefordshire Council</p> <p>Decision - Variation to Public Realm Annual Plan 2021/22 – addition of funding - Herefordshire Council</p> <p>Spend against the FY 2021/22 budget allocation is estimated at £13,000.</p> <p>The £25k allocation will enable the progression of the next stage of works identified with stakeholders to inform further discussions to establish a preferred option.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>There is a risk that the allocated funding of £25k is not sufficient for the next stage of works and additional funding will be required. The proposed works will be assessed in advance of agreement and costs will be monitored. Additional stakeholder fees may put pressure on the budget but these meetings will be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>It is important that the commission is issued as soon as possible in order to ensure the programme of completing the works is maintained within agreed timelines.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Do nothing. Not delivering a permanent solution will contravene the terms of the temporary permission for protection of the River Wye river bank granted by Natural England.</p> <p>Completing the works will continue the successful operation of the FAS in maintaining a reduced flood risk in the city centre.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None.

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

Print Name:

Job Title: