

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Hereford Enterprise Zone – land transfer to Western Power Distribution for a new electricity substation base and giving rights of access to WPD to road access to and cables at Plot N4a, Festival Way Rotherwas
<b>Date of decision:</b>	10 June 2022
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Strategic Assets Delivery Director
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	The Economy and Place Directorate’s scheme of delegation dated 23.12.2021 (lines 53 and 56) gives the Acting Head of Property the authority to take the decision.
<b>Ward:</b>	Dinedor Hill
<b>Consultation:</b>	None. This is not a new service
<b>Decision made:</b>	To approve the land transfer to and easements with Western Power Distribution (WPD) for a new electricity substation and associated cables and road rights of way at Plot N4a, Festival Way, Hereford Enterprise Zone.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The HEZ is implementing an electricity network in the northern part of the Zone in a series of locations. One such is Plot N4a where a new substation and necessary cables have been installed .</p> <p>Approval for works which included the new substation on Plot N4a was given by the Solicitor to the Council and Acting Deputy Chief Executive on 21 March 2021.</p> <p>In order to progress the powering up of the new electrical apparatus we need to provide the necessary legal security to Western Power ( WPD ) . WPD policy is to acquire the freehold for the base of their substations for a nominal sum with rights of access to allow them to maintain and repair those assets. Now that the installation work has been completed, the land transfer and relevant easements need to be progressed.</p> <p>The substation is based on Council land , as are the cables serving the substation , Rights will also be given along the private roads owned by the Council to link up to the public highway.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<p>Not authorising would mean that WPD would not accept this electrical infrastructure , and will not then be able to switch on the substation and provide electricity to the new commercial unit. Central Engineering, the purchaser of Plot N4A have now completed construction work on their new factory and are only waiting for power to be switched on to be able to occupy their new unit.</p> <p>The Council’s legal team will be progressing the transfer and rights of access</p>

<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	None
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

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