

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to offer the Rankin Club, Corn Square, Leominster a Leominster High Street Heritage Action Zone (LHSHAZ) grant of £250,817.98
Date of decision:	03 October 2022
Decision maker:	Ross Cook, Corporate Director of Economy and Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Key Decision made on 23/09/2021 Decision - Leominster Heritage Action Zone - Herefordshire Council</p> <p>To approve expenditure and deliver activities as detailed in the Leominster Heritage Action Zone (LHSHAZ) Delivery Plan.</p> <p>a) The Director for economy and place, following consultation with the Section 151 Officer, the Cabinet member for environment and economy and the Cabinet member for infrastructure and transport, be authorised to approve expenditure required to deliver the public realm projects which will be procured in line with the council's contracts procedures rules;</p> <p>b) The Director for economy and place, following consultation with Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet member for environment and economy and Cabinet member for infrastructure and transport, be authorised take all operational decisions necessary to deliver the balance of the programme, including grant schemes and information and engagement projects within the total project budget of £3.6m; and</p> <p>c) The Section 151 Officer be authorised to reduce the grant element of the overall budget to up to £1.8m from the £2m originally estimated and approved at Council so that the overall capital programme budget for this project is £3.6m.</p>
Ward:	Leominster East
Consultation:	<p>LHSHAZ Grants Sub Group, then LHSHAZ Steering Group for recommendation to the LHSHAZ Project Board for approval. Then reviewed by Historic England for approval to spend grant. Also Herefordshire Conservation Officer, Debra Lewis for approval on behalf of Elizabeth Duberley, Service Manager Built and Natural Environment.</p> <p>Once reviewed and signed off by Herefordshire Council Conservation team and Historic England, final approval from Ross Cook, Director Economy and Place.</p>
Decision made:	Decision to offer the Rankin Club, Corn Square, Leominster an Historic England LHSHAZ grant of £250,817.98
Reasons for decision:	To enable delivery and spend of the Grants workstream of the Historic England LHSHAZ funding.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/	<p>Conditions of the Historic England funding are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Deliver programme outputs as agreed, one of these being to deliver

equality considerations:	grant schemes in Leominster. 2) Spend the agreed Historic England funding and Herefordshire Council match funding in the contract timeframe.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to offer the grant funding would result in failure to deliver the grant element of the LHSHAZ and the loss of associated grant funding.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None recorded

Signed:

Date: