

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Variation to Annual Plan 2023/24 – Utilisation of Annual Plan Gain Share
Date of decision:	21 April 2023
Decision maker:	Interim Service Director Transport and Highways
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The Cabinet Member Infrastructure and Transport took the decision to confirm the approval of the Annual Plan for 2023/24 for the Public Realm Services Contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places:</p> <p>b) the Interim Service Director Transport and Highways be authorised to agree, through the contract governance arrangements, final adjustments to the programme (including any recommendations from the Strategic Partnering Board) and budget allocation to each of the Annexes and any in-year adjustments to the plan, within the overall budget</p> <p>Decision - Public Realm Services Annual Plan 2023 - 2024 - Herefordshire Council</p> <p>(This forms part the local transport plan line in the capital programme that is funded by a £15.466m annual grant.)</p>
Ward:	All Wards
Consultation:	Consultation of this decision has taken place with the council’s Section 151 Officer, finance, legal services and contract management teams.
Decision made:	To reassign £110K of gainshare into Widemarsh St improvements.
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £110k gain share from the Public Realm contract with BBLP has been identified for reallocation. It is recommended that this is reinvested into the Widemarsh St improvement project. • Widemarsh St is a popular route for pedestrians and vehicles, home to many shops and businesses, and provides an important link between Old Market and High Town. The existing design, completed in 2011 has been subject to a number of specialist design and safety reviews following public feedback. All of these concluded that the scheme is fully in line with design guidance and best practice, however, it is important that pedestrians have a good, safe experience so improvement work is taking place. • Widemarsh St improvement programme planned on reutilising porphyry setts and existing kerbstones to keep costs low and accelerate the programme. However, more new stock is required than expected with further spend needed than allocated within the existing budget.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p><i>Financial</i></p> <p>There will be competing demands for the gain share, however, the Widemarsh St project has identified issues which have meant that extra capital resource is required to complete as planned.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and	Not to reinvest the gain share.

rejected:	£110k of the gain share could be reinvested into alternative projects however, the Widemarsh St improvements are considered to be a priority of the current Cabinet.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	

Signed: Mark Averill. – Interim Service Director

Date: 09 May 2023