

## Record of operational decision

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| <b>Decision title:</b>                   | Hereford Strategic Transport Model (Additional Vissim Traffic Modelling Work to inform delivery of Levelling Up Funding (LUF) package)   |
| <b>Date of decision:</b>                 | 13 September 2023  |
| <b>Decision maker:</b>                   | <p>Corporate Director for Economy and Environment (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways, and the Section 151 Officer).</p> <p><a href="#">Decision - To Accept and Spend Any Approved Levelling Up Fund Allocation to Herefordshire - Herefordshire Council</a></p>   |
| <b>Authority for delegated decision:</b> | <p>Funding for this work will be covered under the following decisions:</p> <p>A cabinet decision was taken on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to accept and spend any funds approved by the Department for Levelling Up including the Hereford Transport Package. Full details of the decision taken can be seen at the following link:</p> <p><a href="#">Decision - To Accept and Spend Any Approved Levelling Up Fund Allocation to Herefordshire - Herefordshire Council</a></p>   |
| <b>Ward:</b>                             | Aylestone Hill; Bobblestock; Central; College; Eign Hill; Greyfriars; Hinton and Hunderton; King Acre; Newton; Racecourse; Redhill; Saxon Gate; Tupsley; Victoria Park; Whitecross; Widemarsh.   |
| <b>Consultation:</b>                     | <p>Work falls within the scope of the decision to accept and spend funds approved by the Department for Levelling Up (as above), which gives the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment the authority to make operational decisions in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways, and the Section 151 Officer).</p> <p>Further consultation has also taken place with Finance, Legal, Commercial Services and Communications.</p>   |
| <b>Decision made:</b>                    | <p>To vary the contract with AECOM Limited to carry out Vissim Transport Modelling Work in Hereford City Centre. Vissim is a transport model which will provide an accurate representation of traffic, cycling and walking conditions around the city which will then inform project design.</p> <p>The quoted costs for the work is £111,057.72. However, an additional £25,000 contingency is also required to take account of any additional modelling or analysis work which may be required.</p> <p>The total amount required to implement this decision is therefore £136,057.72.</p> <p>This includes funding to develop active travel measures along Blueschool/Newmarket/Commercial Rd and Aylestone Hill. Funding to implement the decision will be taken from this part of the programme.</p> |
| <b>Reasons for decision:</b>             | Herefordshire Council has recently been successful in securing £19,990,449 funding from the Department for Levelling Up to deliver the 'Hereford Transport Package'. This funding has been adopted into the Council's capital programme, as per above decision link. The package includes funding for a number of Active Travel Measure (ATM) improvements across Hereford City. In order to carry out   |

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|  | <p>these improvements, essential traffic modelling work needs to take place to inform the design process.</p> <p>The Levelling Up Funds (LUF) includes budget lines for ATM improvements to Blueschool/Newmarket/Commercial Rd and Aylestone Hill, where funding will be taken from to implement the decision.</p> <p>AECOM have been commissioned (via open tender) to develop the Hereford Strategic Transport Model. The additional data collection and modelling work sits directly alongside this work and is very similar in nature. The work will be delivered as a variation to the existing contract. This is the best value option because they are already on site delivering against the existing contract, and already up to speed with key issues. Data analysis will also need to be incorporated into overall transport modelling work</p> |
| <b>Equality Considerations</b>   | There are no equality issues to consider in the decision.  |
| <b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b> | <p>The Council has signed up to a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which commits to delivering and spending the Levelling Up funds prior to end of March 2025.</p> <p>Project delivery will be overseen by the LUF Project Board which reports into the Sustainable Transport and Place Making Delivery Board.</p>  |
| <b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>           | The alternative option would be to proceed without carrying out the Vissim Modelling work. The additional modelling work is needed to inform the design process. It would be very high risk to make changes to the network without full knowledge of traffic flow impacts.   |
| <b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>                         | None   |

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

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