

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Award of Hereford Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) contract
Date of decision:	07.12.23
Decision maker:	Corporate Director - Economy & Environment in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>On 7 October 2021 the Cabinet Member Infrastructure and Transport took a decision to authorise the various Hereford City Centre Improvement elements to be progressed and authorised the Director for Economy and Environment to take all operational decisions necessary in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to progress and deliver the programme elements within the overall programme budget outlined within the report on a programme basis across the projects.</p> <p>This decision can be viewed using the following link: https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?!D=8255</p>
Ward:	Hereford Central
Consultation:	Consultation of this decision has taken place with the council's finance, legal services, procurement and communications teams and has been discussed with officers at the project board.
Decision made:	<p>Commission Speller Metcalfe to carry out the design and install contract as tendered.</p> <p>These measures will ensure the safety of City users with an onus on those gathered for events.</p> <p>Herefordshire Council aim to reduce the risk of vehicle-borne attacks, whether from errant vehicles or those acts motivated by terrorism aims. Given that these events have happened in various large cities across Europe, then there is clearly a potential for such events to happen.</p> <p>To investigate, HC undertook a TVRA (Threat, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment) for part of the Historic Core in February 2021. This identified High Town/St Peter's Street/Commercial Street as the highest attractiveness as a target which would be logical in terms of being the areas of highest pedestrian concentrations.</p> <p>HC will install a number of fixed, removable and lowering/rising bollards at key city gateways along with an Operating Protocol to be followed for day-to-day operations and events.</p> <p>The contract will include the procurement of HVM bollards, installation and associated drainage works and awarded via the NBS SBS PS-Works: Public Sector Constriction Works framework in accordance with CPR's.</p>

Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed proposal received from Speller Metcalfe with costs of £202,830.29 • Remaining budget allocated for HVM is £192,647.90. This budget will be used for procurement of HVM bollards, installation and associated drainage works. The additional costs will be funded by underspends within other elements to ensure the overall HCCI programme remains within the £6m budget. • Value for money has been assured through detailed market research/product investigations followed by approaches to HC Term Contractor, BBLP, and Speller Metcalfe - an NHS Shared Business Services Framework contractor as recommended by HC Commercial Services. • Following cost and risk review, HVM measures will not be progressed at two sites within the City (Bewell Street and Eign Gate). Both of these locations were assessed as lower-risk sites due to the protection the existing bollards and street furniture provides. There is potential to install PAS 68 rated measures at these locations at a future date although not within this funding allocation. • The cabinet member, internal and external stakeholders have been fully briefed regarding the proposals through outline design stage.
Equality Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HC will share HVM proposals with Accessibility Groups including Herefordshire Disability United, Royal National College for the Blind, Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee – HC will await any commentary from these groups.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project is LEP funded. In order to meet funding stipulations, HVM bollards will need to be installed and funds defrayed by end of March 2024. • A tight project delivery schedule does carry some risk of time slippage mitigated through contractor’s programme surety and close management of Project Team.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progress with HVM project. This carries the risk of vehicle attacks/incidents at a later date when external funding is no longer available • Not to progress with HVM project – risk of clawback of LEP funding
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

Signed

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