

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to approve the funding of Hereford City Bike Share as part of the UKSPF Investment Plan – Measure E1: Improvements to town centres and high streets which support carbon reduction																										
Date of decision:	17 January 2024																										
Decision maker:	Corporate Director for Economy and Environment																										
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The cabinet took a decision on the 15th December 2022 to accept and spend the UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) allocated to Herefordshire (£6.6m) in accordance with the Investment Plan approved by government. The decision delegates all operational decisions to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment.</p> <p>Decision - https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=9216</p>																										
Ward:	All Hereford City Wards																										
Consultation:	The Herefordshire Sustainable Growth Strategy Board, The Department for Housing Levelling Up and Communities (DLUHC), Director of Resources and Assurance (Section 151 Officer)																										
Decision made:	Utilise UKSPF funding for measure E1 as outlined in the business plan submitted to the funder, to fund Hereford City Bike Share for the financial years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025.																										
Reasons for decision:	<p>In April 2022, government launched the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), to replace the European Union funded structural funds. The primary goal of the UKSPF is to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK. This aligns with the Levelling Up White Paper missions. Funding is targeted where it is needed most: building pride in place, supporting high quality skills training, supporting pay, employment and productivity growth and increasing life chances.</p> <p>Government announced approval of the Investment Plan on the 5 December 2022, and Cabinet took the decision to accept and spend these funds on 15th December, 2022</p> <p>https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=9216</p> <p>Hereford City Bike Share will deliver measure E1, which supports improvements to town centers and high streets which support carbon reduction.</p>																										
Equality Considerations	An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out for the citywide bike share scheme prior to the procurement of the service.																										
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Finance The UKSPF allocation for measure E1 is as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4" style="text-align: center;">E1: Improvements to Town Centres & High Streets – Hereford Bike Share</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">F/Y</th> <th style="text-align: center;">22/23</th> <th style="text-align: center;">23/24</th> <th style="text-align: center;">24/25</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>E1 – Budget Allocation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£100,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less 4% M&A</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Actual spend to date – Town Council Audits</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8,748</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8,748</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Actual Spend to date – Bike Share</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£27,532</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£7,392*</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			E1: Improvements to Town Centres & High Streets – Hereford Bike Share				F/Y	22/23	23/24	24/25	E1 – Budget Allocation	£100,000	£50,000	£100,000	Less 4% M&A	£4,000	£2,000	£4,000	Actual spend to date – Town Council Audits	£8,748	£8,748	£0	Actual Spend to date – Bike Share	£27,532	-£7,392*	£0
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	Request to allocate remainder to Bike Share	£59,720	£39,252	£96,000
	Total to be allocated to the Hereford City Bike Share project (including 22/23 CF)		£106,364	£96,000
	<p>* Note this is an accrual adjustment</p> <p>Outputs/outcomes which will be delivered by the city bike share scheme in Measure E1: Improvements to town centres and high streets which support carbon reduction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonnes of CO2 saved - calculated using the government's greenhouse gas emissions for 2021 • Number of beneficiaries <p>Secondary benefits delivered (but not measured) are improved air quality and benefits to public health.</p> <p>DLUHC have confirmed monies can be spent for the entirety of financial year 23/24 as well as 24/25 on this project in line with the 3 year implementation plan submitted to the Department.</p> <p>Procurement</p> <p>The Hereford City Bike Share scheme was procured in line with the Public Procurement Policy.</p>			
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None.			
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None.			

Signed..... Date:

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