

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and Green Light Fund
Date of decision:	11 th December 2024
Decision maker:	Corporate Director for Economy and Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>A Cabinet Member decision was taken on 29th April 2024 to accept and approve spend of £41,427.53 of Department for Transport grant funding relating to the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant (TSOG), a fund to upgrade traffic signal systems, replacing unreliable and obsolete equipment to improve reliability and to accept and approve spend of £500,000.00 of Department for Transport grant funding relating to the Green Light Fund (GLF), a fund to improve the operation of traffic signals to better reflect current traffic conditions and get traffic flowing.</p> <p>The following decisions were taken:</p> <p>a) Grant funding of £41,427.53 and £500,000.00 associated with the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and the Green Light Fund be accepted from the Department for Transport and that authorisation is given for its spend as detailed in this report; and</p> <p>b) Delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment to take all operational decisions over the lifetime of the project, to deliver the investment set out in recommendation (a). Full details of the decision taken can be seen at the following link:</p> <p>Decision - Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and Green Light Fund - Herefordshire Council</p>
Ward:	Countywide.
Consultation:	<p>As part of the revised consultation process for key decisions, a Political Group Consultation was undertaken on 10th April 2024. Further details can be found at:</p> <p>Decision - Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and Green Light Fund - Herefordshire Council</p> <p>Ward Members and any City, Parish or Town Councils will be informed of works that are to take place in their area.</p>
Decision made:	<p>To carry out all necessary design, modelling and installation work to traffic signal equipment and software via the Public Realm Contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places to allow the following:</p> <p>a) Aylestone Hill, City Link Road, Commercial Road, Stonebow Road and Union Walk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - replacement of in ground inductive loop systems with above ground detectors where appropriate on Aylestone Hill, City Link Road, Commercial Road, Stonebow Road and Union Walk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - upgrade of the traffic signal controller to link the traffic signal junctions and crossings where appropriate on Aylestone Hill, City Link Road, Commercial Road, Stonebow Road and Union Walk. b) Whitecross Road - introduction of a pedestrian phase at the junction of Whitecross Road/Eign Street on the A438 to the west of the city. c) Upgrade of UTC system - upgrade of the existing UTC system and associated servers to a cloud based system to allow the benefits of a) and b) above to be fully realised in the future. 												
<p>Reasons for decision:</p>	<p>In order to deliver the investment set out in the decision report of 29th April 2024 and ensure that unreliable and obsolete traffic signal equipment is replaced to improve reliability and to improve the operation of traffic signals to better reflect current traffic conditions and get traffic flowing.</p>												
<p>Equality Considerations</p>	<p>Investment in traffic signals is considered to have a positive impact on the protected characteristics of Age and Disability. The investment set out in this report is considered to have a neutral impact on the other protected characteristics.</p>												
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>In order to deliver the investment the Council will need to use the services of a traffic signals contractor.</p> <p>A compliant route to market already exists through the Council’s partner contractor, Balfour Beatty Living Places. Given the specialist nature of traffic signals, it is the recommendation of Officers that the project be delivered through this route, with value for money being evidenced through Balfour Beatty’s procurement processes.</p> <p>The project will be delivered by Balfour Beatty Living Places and the Council’s Highways and Traffic team and with the Council’s Head of Highways and Traffic being responsible for delivery.</p> <p>The budget allocation utilised is identified below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="571 1503 1481 1859"> <thead> <tr> <th>Budget Name</th> <th>Total Works Budget</th> <th>Contract Works Value</th> <th>Cost Code</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and Green Light Fund</td> <td>£541k</td> <td>As set out in the decision above: a) £100k b) £150k c) £70k</td> <td>CM7377 CAP1864 CM7377 CAP1863</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£541k</td> <td>£320k</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Risk Management: A project risk register will be created and monitored.</p> <p>Legal Implications: None.</p>	Budget Name	Total Works Budget	Contract Works Value	Cost Code	Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and Green Light Fund	£541k	As set out in the decision above: a) £100k b) £150k c) £70k	CM7377 CAP1864 CM7377 CAP1863	Total	£541k	£320k	
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Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to award. This is not recommended as this could result in the grant funding needing to be returned.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None