

### Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Consultancy Support Services for the Hereford Levelling Up Funding (LUF) Programme.
<b>Date of decision:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Corporate Director for Economy and Environment
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>On 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Cabinet approved the following:</p> <p>To delegate to the 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, all operational decisions in implementing the funding in accordance with the bids to government.</p> <p>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>	Consultation has taken place with Cabinet Member, s151, Finance, Legal, Commercial Services and Communications.
<b>Decision made:</b>	To award a contract to Coreus Group Ltd to provide consultancy support to the construction works of the LUF programme up to a value of £312,899 and to approve a contingency of £62,500.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>Herefordshire Council has been successful in securing £19,990,449 funding from the Department for Levelling Up. LUF funding has been matched against £4,478,000 Council, £700,000 Marches LEP and £120,000 Active Travel Funds (ATF), to deliver the 'Hereford Transport Package', with a total value of £25,288,449. The LUF 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.</p> <p>The purpose of the contract is to provide NEC4 Project Management, Site Supervision and Contract Management (including cost consultancy) to support the delivery of Herefordshire's Levelling Up Transport Package.</p> <p>A procurement strategy report was developed for the LUF programme and was agreed by the Director of E&amp;E, in consultation with the Leader, Portfolio Holder and S151 officer.</p> <p>This contract has been procured through an open tender via the council's e-tendering portal and compliant bids were taken through the evaluation and</p>

	<p>moderation process. This led the evaluation panel to recommend that Coreus Group Ltd is awarded the contract.</p> <p>The Levelling Up Funds (LUF) package includes budget lines for each of the proposed ATM improvements, where budget will be drawn from to implement the decision.</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 contract is to be awarded up to a value of £312,899 and a contingency of £62,500 allocated. This will be drawn down from LUF scheme budget lines to implement the decision.</p> <p>Responsibility for monitoring the project and managing expenditure within the total spend budget is to be with the Programme Manager. Project delivery is overseen by the LUF Project Board which reports into the Infrastructure Delivery Board.</p>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	Not to procure the consultancy support. This is not recommended as the project team do not have all the necessary specialisms for managing numerous NEC4 construction contracts effectively.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed:

Date: 07.03.25