

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Holme Lacy Road and Quiet Routes (East) Active Travel Measures (ATM) Construction Contractor Award.
<b>Date of decision:</b>	04 July 2025
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Corporate Director Economy and Environment
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>The Cabinet decision dated 12 January 2023 to accept, and Spend any Approved Levelling Up Funding (LUF) Allocated to Herefordshire authorises the following: -</p> <p>a) To accept and approve expenditure related any Levelling Up Funding offered by government for a package of transport and active travel measures in and around Hereford city.</p> <p>b) 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><a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?!D=9243">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?!D=9243</a></p>
<b>Ward(s):</b>	Dinedor Hill, Hinton & Hunderton, Red Hill and Saxon Gate.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Consultation for the schemes has taken place with the Cabinet Member Transport and Infrastructure, the Cabinet Member Roads and Regulatory Services as well as the relevant Local Ward Members. The specifics of this decision have also been discussed and agreed with Commercial and Legal Services, Communications and Finance.
<b>Decision made:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award a contract for the construction of Holme Lacy Road and Quiet Route East Active Travel Measures to Cambrensis Civil Engineering Ltd. following successful evaluation from an open tender process for an estimated value of £3,580,684.</li> <li>• Approve any future spend of contingency on compensation events in accordance with the contract to a total maximum of £537,103.</li> <li>• To delegate to the Delivery Director- Infrastructure, Programme Manager and Senior Project Manager to accept individual compensation events up to a total maximum value of £537,103.</li> </ul>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Holme Lacy Road and Quiet Routes East Active Travel Measure schemes have been designed to improve the existing cycle infrastructure in the south of the city to the latest national guidance published in July 2020. This will improve the facilities for pedestrians, in particular crossing arrangements, address the challenges that currently discourage people from walking and cycling in the vicinity and encourage active travel in Hereford as the natural choice for journeys less than 2 km.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed design of the schemes has been completed so that an open tender exercise for a construction contractor could take place in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR's) from February to May 2025.</li> <li>• Following this, four compliant bids were received and evaluated with Cambrensis Civil Engineering Ltd. selected as the preferred bidder.</li> <li>• This project is part of a wider programme of Active Travel Measure (ATM) schemes funded via Central Government Active Travel Funding (ATF) and Levelling Up Funding (LUF) across Hereford City.</li> <li>• The scheme will also support a reduction in carbon and other transport related emissions in the county and provide a good quality, convenient and safe transport network linking to the City Centre and Enterprise Zones that prioritises walking and cycling.</li> </ul>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The required spend profile outlined by the Department for Transport (DfT) for Holme Lacy Road and Quiet Routes ATMs stipulates that the schemes must be delivered by the end of March 2026, and the Council has signed up to a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which commits to delivering and spending the Levelling Up funds prior to this date.</li> <li>• Confirmation of a construction contractor will enable further progress to take place against agreed project spend and objectives.</li> <li>• The total budget allocation remaining for the LUF Holme Lacy Road ATM-South scheme is £7.6m. The construction contract value tendered by Cambrensis Engineering Ltd. is £3,580,684 with a contingency of £537,103 (15% of construction value) recommended by the Council's cost consultants for the scheme. This therefore gives a total of £4,117,787, which is within the budget.</li> <li>• Expenditure of LUF funds has been in accordance with the HC policies and Memorandum of Understanding.</li> <li>• There is a risk that LUF funding will not be extended past March 2026, although this is unlikely, the mitigation is that future Local Transport Grant (LTG) can be used as an alternative funding source.</li> <li>• The project team continues to work closely with internal stakeholders to ensure that all activity is in accordance with Council policies and procedures including governance, financial, legal and procurement regulations.</li> <li>• The LUF Project Board will oversee project delivery monthly including the project risk register. In addition, quarterly monitoring submissions to the Department for Transport (DfT) include project progress and risk reporting.</li> <li>• All aspects of contract, land and procurement processes have been supported by HC Legal with the Council in the process of actioning a Basic Asset Protection Agreement (BAPA) with Network Rail regarding the planned works under the Railway Bridge on Holme Lacy Road.</li> <li>• The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.</li> <li>• The detailed design of the schemes has considered accessibility requirements and incorporated these.</li> </ul>

<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<p>Not to award- this option is not recommended; the preferred supplier has been identified in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR's).</p> <p>Not to appoint would hinder the Council's ability to deliver the LUF programme, of which this scheme is a major contributor. There is also a risk of reputational loss for the Council as a result.</p>
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	<p>N/A</p>

Signed..... Date: