

Member Decision Record

Decision Title
FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND BUSINESS CASE DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTING WORK
Decision Details
<p>The Leader of the Council approved the recommendations set out in the report following consultation with the Strategic Director :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APPROVES TO ALLOCATE UP TO £55,000 FUNDING FROM EXISTING BUSINESS FOCUS GROWTH PLAN EARMARKED RESERVE BUDGETS AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO SPEND TO THE DIRECTOR OF PLACE TO FURTHER DEVELOP A FULL BUSINESS CASE FOR SUBMISSION TO FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND 2. APPROVES THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF UP TO £100,000 FROM THE LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE BUSINESS RATE POOL FUNDING TO FURTHER THE REGENERATION PROJECTS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND, AND TO DELEGATE EXPENDITURE OF THE GRANT TO THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF PLACE 3. APPROVES THE ACCEPTANCE OF AGRANT OF UP TO £30,000 FROM THE LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE BUSINESS RATE POOL FUNDING TO ENHANCE CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN LINKS IN COALVILLE TOWN CENTRE, AND TO DELEGATE EXPENDITURE OF THE GRANT TO THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF PLACE 4. APPROVES THE COMMISSIONING OF AN OPTIONS STUDY TO RELOCATE THE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S DEPOT ON LINDEN WAY 5. APPROVES THE EXPENDITURE OF £16,000 FROM THE EXISTING BUSINESS FOCUS GROWTH PLAN EARMARKED RESERVE TO FUND THE COMMISSIONING OF AN OPTIONS STUDY REFERRED TO IN RECOMMENDATION 4 ABOVE <p>Cabinet in September 2019 delegated authority to the Strategic Director to award a contract for up to £150,000 for the development of the full business which had been funded through grant direct from FHSF. Additional work required to finalize the business required as set out in the report (paragraph 2) was discussed to ensure the Council maximises the opportunity of making a successful bid and enables further specialist technical input.</p> <p>Additional grants have been sought by the Council to support regeneration in Coalville including capacity for delivery after submission of the business case and developing further cycling and pedestrian links. These are set out in paragraph 3 and 4 of the report.</p> <p>As part of the FHSF submission work is ongoing to develop a proposal to support regeneration on Wolsey Road and Baker Street. Work is considering the option for the potential relocation of the Linden way depot and this is set out in paragraph 5 of the report.</p>
Reason for Decision
<p>To progress the Future High Streets Fund Work.</p> <p>The decision enables work to continue on North West Leicestershire District Council Stage 2 Submission to the Future High Streets Fund (FHSF) which is required by 30th April 2020 so considered an urgent decision.</p> <p>To progress the Future High Street Fund Work</p>

Source of Delegation	
<p><i>At a meeting with the Chief Executive on Thursday 19 March 2020, the Leader of the Council made a decision to postpone scheduled committee meetings and he delegated his executive decision powers to his Cabinet members.</i></p> <p><i>A record of the decision by the Leader can be found here.</i></p>	
Type of Decision	
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Key Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Key Decision	
List of Background Papers	
<p>A copy of the Future High Streets Fund Business Case Development report presented to cabinet on 24 September 2019 can be found here.</p>	
What alternative options were considered when making the decision?	
<p>Not to make a decision or delay the decision till the next Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>The report referred to the background papers and considered the options.</p> <p>Both were discounted as they did not enable work to continue on North West Leicestershire District Council Stage 2 Submission to the Future High Streets Fund (FHSF) as set out which is required by 30th April 2020.</p>	
What conflicts of interest were declared by any executive members consulted which relates to the decision?	
None declared.	
Decision Made By	Councillor Richard Blunt – Leader of the Council Signature.....
Officer consulted prior to making the decision	James Arnold – Strategic Director of Place Signature.....
Date Decision Made	31 March 2020
Date Decision Published	02 April 2020