

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

<b>Date Of Decision</b>	20 February 2020
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Nigel Hudson. Head of Strategic Infrastructure and Economy
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	To enter into a funding agreement with Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP (GBSLEP) to secure funding for the construction of the Churchfields highway scheme in Kidderminster.
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>On 14 December 2017 Cabinet agreed the implementation of The Churchfields urban Village Infrastructure Project. This project is a Wyre Forest promoted scheme that seeks to enable the development of significant new housing immediately north of the Kidderminster ring road. Wyre Forest DC are responsible for promoting and fully funding the scheme. WCC's role is the construction of a new section of highway to enable development of a series of brownfield sites.</p> <p>I am content this is not significant variation of the cabinet decision and provides the most timely and robust way to secure the GBSLEP funding for the Churchfields project and WCC. This is not as originally intended, but gives the benefit of direct contractual relationship with the funder and greater certainty on timing of claims and receipt of funding.</p> <p>The contingent monitoring and clawback obligations that flow from entering into the agreement can and will be managed through separate positive obligation on Wyre Forest to supply the information and detail required. In terms of clawback, once the money is committed to the scheme, this risk is mitigated as it will have been properly spent.</p> <p>The GBSLEP money is at risk because it would have to be repaid to central government as unused if not secured by a specific date.</p>

<b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b>	Stop construction and progress with the project with the corresponding reputation and project risks on the partners
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	None

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