

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted n/a

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: LEGAL & COMMUNITY

1. DECISION TAKEN

In respect of one element of the grant decision notice of 30 November 2023, the following is Re-issued decision (see background document): The approval of grant from the 2023/4 Allocation of the Shared Prosperity Fund from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to fund projects to improve the North Herts Town Centres:

- £6,000 to Hitchin Business Improvement District (BID) as outlined in 5.1.

2. DECISION TAKER

Leader, Cllr Elizabeth Denis in consultation with Jeanette Thompson, Service Director, Legal & Community.

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

7 March 2024

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 See previous decision:

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-12/10.%20Report%20for%20Town%20Centre%20Improvement%20Projects%20Year%202%20SPF%20Programme%20Grants%20Approval%20V2%20sign>

4.2 The grant funding was not paid following the decision of 30 November due to further enquires. The re-issued decision follows supply of further information, and this decision is taken in replacement with regards to the £6,000 above.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1. None.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS, AND THE PUBLIC)

6.1 Relevant Executive Members have been informed regarding the matter.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 Hitchin BID requested £6,000 towards the £12,050 cost of renewing lighting suspension and connection system.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Chapter 1, s1-8 of the Localism Act 2011 provides a General Power of Competence which gives local authorities the powers to do anything if it is not specifically prohibited in legislation.

9.2 The decision taker signing the Decision Notice has delegated authority to take such a decision in accordance with the North Hertfordshire District Council Constitution as per section 14.6.16.1 and section 9E(2) Local Government Act 2000. The Service Director consulted has remit to consider Grant applications as per section 14.6.9(b)(ii) financial assistance and grants to external organisations, and voluntary sector and community groups (including although not limited to capital or revenue grants).

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-12/10.%20Report%20for%20Town%20Centre%20Improvement%20Projects%20Year%202%20SPF%20Programme%20Grants%20Approval%20V2%20sign>

17. APPENDICES

17.1 None.

NOTIFICATION DATE

8.3.24

Signature of Executive Member (Leader) Decision taker...



Date 7.3.24

Consultee:

Signature of Service Director: Legal & Community consultee Decision Maker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. L. H. H. H.', written in a cursive style.

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Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS. This decision is Executive.