

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Western Bypass Phase One – Update report (formerly known as Hereford Bypass Phase One - Assessment Report)
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	24 September 2026
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant. This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To note the progress made to date with the design of the Western Bypass Phase One in line with the first stage of the Pre-Contract Services Agreement (PCSA) and to delegate authority to the Corporate Director to implement the actions set out in this report.
Decision	That Cabinet a) Notes the progress that has been made to date following the award of the Pre Construction Services Agreement (PCSA) on 30 April 2026;

	b) Receives an update from the Corporate Director Economy and Environment on the progress which has been made with land acquisition and the Compulsory Purchase Order; c) Delegates authority to the Corporate Director Economy and Environment to conclude corrective action in the PCSA process with the contractor to achieve construction works and costs under the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract ('Construction Contract') within the agreed governance and budget; d) Following the conclusion of the Corporate Director Economy and Environment's review in recommendation c), then delegates authority to the Corporate Director to implement the actions in paragraph 24 or 25 of this report in consultation with the Cabinet Member Infrastructure and Transport.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50055117
Options considered	To not ask the Corporate Director Economy and Environment to conclude the corrective action within the PCSA process, which will result in a bid from the contractor for the construction works. This is not recommended as the council would receive an incomplete bid under the PCSA which may not keep the final costings within the agreed governance and budget.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	30 September 2026

Councillor: Councillor Lester, (Leader of the Council)	Date 24 September 2026
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.