

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member transport and regulatory services

Title	Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund - Timescale and Methods for Completion of Phase 2
Decision maker	Cabinet member transport and regulatory services 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	4 May 2018
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>To decide upon the method and timescale for the works that are required to complete the Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund project.</p> <p>In summary, following consultation with those who will be directly impacted by these works, and the consideration of all other views received, an accelerated method of working in two short windows, separated by approximately a year has been identified as preferred method of working. This will reduce the duration of any disruption associated with the works required to deliver this project and enable recovery from any negative impact on businesses before</p>

	returning to complete this scheme. As a consequence the resources available to complete the project will have to increase.
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) The works that are required to complete the Local Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund project be completed in two short windows separated by approximately a year. Each to be as short as period as practically possible using a combination of daytime and overnight road closures and/or 7 day working; and</p> <p>(b) the budget for these works be increased by £0.5m to £8.5m, this increase to be accommodated by directing up to £0.5m of expenditure toward these works from the £4.6m that has been approved for highway maintenance in the 2018/19 capital programme.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50024990</p>
Options considered	<p>1. The alternative options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To carry out the works in a single window made as shorter period as possible using a combination of 24 hour road closures and/or 7 day working. Whilst this option is supported by those who responded to consultation it is not recommended as it runs contrary to the views conveyed through petition. • To carry out the works over a longer period of time involving a number of shorter closures, where the affected road will be open for some of the time. This option is not recommended as the overall scale of disruption will be greater and this option is not supported by the majority of those who responded to consultation. This option also runs contrary to the views conveyed though petition. • To complete the works using materials that do not require substantial road closures. This option is not recommended as the product of the works will be less durable, tripling the whole life cost of maintaining these roads and therefore not demonstrating value for money. Whilst this option accords with the views conveyed though petition, this option was not supported by the majority of those who responded to consultation. • Ceasing works on this project. This option is not recommended as failing to complete the scheme would mean the full scale of the benefits from the scheme will not be realised meaning the condition of the county's roads would deteriorate at a faster pace. In addition, the council would have to repay the £5m awarded by the DfT for these works. That

	£5m funding gap would have to be met from the council's own capital programme or existing maintenance grant allocations. This option accords with the views conveyed by petition but was not supported by the majority of those who responded to consultation.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	11 May 2018

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member transport and regulatory services (Councillor BA Durkin)</p>	<p>Date 4 May 2018</p>
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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 by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.