

Written statement of a budget and policy framework decision

Title	Capital programme 2019/20 onwards and Capital Strategy
Decision maker	Cabinet* for recommendation to: Council * 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	31 January 2019
Report exemption class	Open
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with 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 recommend to Council for approval the capital investment budget and capital strategy for 2019/20 onwards. Appendix 3 provides details of the proposed additions to the existing capital programme that have been identified and the impact of approving these additions. In line with CIPFA requirements a capital strategy has been written to reflect future direction for capital investment, the strategy is included at appendix 4 and in line with the guidelines requires Council approval.
Decision	That: the following be recommended to Council (a) the proposed capital programme from 2019/20 attached at appendix 3 be approved; (b) cabinet be delegated authority to add the two deferred projects (Countywide Investment in B, C & U roads and Countywide Investment in Strategic Road Network) in appendix 1 as funding becomes available; and (c) approve capital strategy document at appendix 4.

Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50028755
Options considered	<p>It is open to Cabinet to recommend alternative capital investment options to Council. No alternative options have been brought forward to date and suggestions would require review and assessment, in line with those completed on the options presented in this report. In addition, as an amendment to proposals put forward by Cabinet, any amendment would either require the consent of the Leader of the Council or further consideration by Cabinet before a decision could be taken in accordance with budget and policy framework rules.</p> <p>2. If delegated authority is not given to include the deferred projects then any future requirements would need to be requested in the same way as new projects. They have been included to allow flexibility to utilise capital funding if it becomes available.</p> <p>3. A capital strategy is required in accordance with statutory new guidance issued by CIPFA, discretion on content of the strategy but we have applied the guidelines within the draft.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date	<p>Budget and policy framework item</p> <p>Under part 4, section 3 of the constitution, this decision is not subject to the usual call-in procedure as it is a budget and policy framework item and therefore must be decided at a meeting of the full Council.</p>

Councillor: (Councillor P Rone) Chair of meeting	Date 31 January 2019
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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.