

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport

Title	Public Realm Commuted Sums - Spend Allocation
Decision maker	Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport 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	5 October 2020
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>Commuted sums are collected by the council to maintain new assets when adopted within the public realm. This commuted sum is intended to ensure the costs of maintaining the new highway and public open space asset, when adopted, is funded.</p> <p>This report sets out the process for allocating monies collected to date, over the previous five year period, which have not yet been spent to date to be allocated towards the public realm contract for maintenance purposes for which they were required. The intention is to invest the current commuted sums into the public realm over the next 5 year period which is broadly the period over which they have been collected as set out in the recommendation and report.</p>

Decision	That: (a) Invest £290,677.94 in 2020/21 and four subsequent years to fund the maintenance of the newly adopted infrastructure and maintenance of the existing assets.
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=50034210
Options considered	1. A number of options have been considered around the factor of the split of the current fund. Different permutations would allow for the investment with different diminishing annual amounts depending on the amount of years. . It is recommended that the monies previously collected which have not been allocated to maintenance are allocated to maintenance of the highway asset / public realm over a period of five years which is in line with the timescale over which they have been collected but not allocated to maintenance activities. This rate of investment will be a reasonable spread of monies collected to date but not invested and in future year's allocation of new commuted sums will form part of the annual plan governance reports..
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	9 October 2020

Councillor: Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport (Councillor John Harrington)	Date 5 October 2020
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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.