

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To tender for consultancy support to review how we manage streetworks and to introduce the permit scheme in Herefordshire.
Date of decision:	22 November 2019
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director for Highways and Transport (Traffic Manager designate)
Authority for delegated decision:	Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 14/2/19 69 To act on behalf of the council in respect of the legislation specified in Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and Part 3 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, to review how street works are managed in Herefordshire and implement changes accordingly.
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	The authority will consult with the key stakeholders and public as part of this decision.
Decision made:	The council will tender for consultancy support and appoint following submission and evaluation of supporting documents. The commission will review the current work undertaken by street works applications and develop a permit scheme for implementation if appropriate and subject to further governance reports.
Reasons for decision:	The government are introducing Streetmanager as a way of managing street works on the council's highway network. The scheme is fundamentally a permit scheme. The introduction is envisaged to improve the management of the network, minimise disruption for the public which will also assist in better managing the environment by minimising the effect of congestion. The Invitation to Tender document has been developed with the assistance and agreement of the category manager, corporate services team.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The review will have a cost though this will be accommodated within available resources. The support will be in the region of £15 to £30k, this will be managed within the council's existing budgets managed by the Engineering Team. This will be a one off commission and will in year, 2019/20. The procurement will follow councils procedures.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to commission will put added pressure on existing resources and will compromise the final solution to implementing an appropriate scheme in Herefordshire.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 22 November 2019