## **Record of officer decision**

Decision title:	Award of highway works associated with Resurfacing Herefordshire			
	Highways - Works Order 15			
Date of decision:	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025			
Decision maker:	Corporate Director for Economy and Environment			
Authority for delegated decision:	A Cabinet Member decision was taken on 22nd April 2024 relating to how the £10.0 million investment Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so.  a) approval is given to invest the £10.0 million budget allocated for Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways across 2024/25 and 2025/26 in accordance with the Council's Highway Asset Management Plan; and b) delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment to take all operational decisions over the lifetime of the project, to deliver the investment set out in recommendation (a).  Full details of the decision taken can be seen at the following link:			
	Decision - Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways - Herefordshire Council			
Ward:	Countywide			
Consultation:	As part of the revised consultation process for key decisions, a Political Group Consultation was undertaken on 16th March 2024 with Officers outlining the content of the Cabinet Member decision that was then taken on 17th April 2024. Further details can be found at:  Decision - Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways - Herefordshire Council  Ward Members and Parish Councils will be informed of works that are			
Decision made:	to take place in their area.  To award a contract (Works Order 4) to Tarmac Trading Ltd using the Council's NEC 4 Framework Agreement, up to the value of £2,378,940.82 with an approved contingency of 10% to the value of £237,894.08.  The works identified are the resurfacing programme on various A and B roads across the county, as shown within Appendix 1.  Due to necessity of works and working in conjunction/collaboration with existing National Highways Closures, £104,239.59 of the above works will be delivered in March 2025 under the 24/25 financial year.			
Reasons for decision:	In order to deliver the investment, as set out in the decision reports above.			
	The works associated with the contract are resurfacing the network on a prioritisation criteria based on condition and need.			

Equality Considerations	The selection of roads for investment as part of this decision is considered to have a positive impact on the protected characteristics of Age and Disability. The investment set out in this report is considered to have a neutral impact on the other protected characteristics.					
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/ equality considerations:	Finance:  Under the selection process for the framework, Officers have used the quotation information provided which shows that the total of the prices of Tarmac Trading Ltd is likely to be significantly lower than the other Suppliers on the Framework based upon the quotation information submitted within the framework tender and therefore this Supplier gives the council good value for money.  A total budget of £5million has been allocated to the 2025/26 project, funded through Herefordshire Council's Capital Programme. The budget allocation utilised is identified below.					
	Budget	Available Budget	Budget for contract	Cost Code		
	Resurfacing	£5m	£2,378,940.82	CM7361		
	Herefordshire Highways		6227 804 08	CAP1905		
	Contingency Total	£5m	£237,894.08 £2,616,834.90			
Dataila of any alternative	Risk Management: The creation of a framework has contributed to minimising risks associated with procurement delay, supply chain resilience and demonstrating competition and value for money for the public purse. The identified works should reduce the risk to users on the network as a result of improved condition.  Legal Implications: A procurement process to create a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework was conducted during January and February 2024 in accordance with the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules.  The framework is operated under the NEC4 Framework Contract arrangements with NEC4 Engineering and Construction Short Contracts used for delivery of individual schemes.					
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to award, this is not recommended as this would put the council's capital programme at risk.					
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None					

## Appendix 1 – List of A and B roads identified for resurfacing works

B4221 - M50 bridge to Two Park Farm West of M50

A417 - A49 to Bodenham

A4103/A465 Bromyard Turn

A4103 - Withington by Whitestone Junction

B4355 - County boundary to The Rodd

A438 - Hereford Road RBT to Bush Pitch, Ledbury

B4216 - New Street, Ledbury

B4224 - Church Burial Ground to The Vicarage, Fownhope

A417 - Orchard Cottage to Whitwick Manor

B4214 - 30mph - C1157 - Wellington Heath jct