

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Award of contract for pre surface dressing patching works of various sites – Works Order 39
Date of decision:	27.03.26
Decision maker:	Corporate Director – Economy & Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>A Cabinet Member decision was taken on 10th March 2026 to confirm the Public Realm Services Annual Plan –2026/27</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>d) the Major Contracts Programme Director is authorised to spend the Department for Transport Highway Maintenance Block (Baseline) and Highway Maintenance Block (Incentive) Local Highways Maintenance Funding Allocations for 2026/27 of £23.697m in accordance with the Highway Asset Management Plan and Highway Maintenance Plan and;</p> <p>(e) the Major Contracts Programme Director be authorised to spend the Highways Infrastructure Investment, Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways, Public Rights of Way, Ash Die Back and Play Area Investment Council capital budget of £13.985m as detailed in Table 1 and;</p> <p>Full details of the decision taken can be seen at the following link:</p> <p>Decision - Public Realm Services Annual Plan –2026/27 - Herefordshire Council</p>
Ward:	Countywide.
Consultation:	<p>As part of the development of the annual plan an engagement event was held for members and Town/Parish Councils on 12th February 2026. To ensure that there is continuous opportunity to discuss the annual plan over the course of the year, quarterly meetings are typically scheduled, and which allow for their knowledge and understanding, as well as confidence in dealing with highway related matters, to be increased.</p> <p>Given the above, it was agreed by Group Leaders that a Political Group Consultation was not required for this report.</p> <p>Ward Members and Parish Councils will be informed of works that are to take place in their area.</p>
Decision made:	To award a contract (Works Order 39) to Tarmac Trading Ltd using the Council’s Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework, to the initial value of £2,176,727.05 for surface dressing preparation works and 10% contingency on various classifications of roads across the county, as set out in Appendix 1.

<p>Reasons for decision:</p>	<p>In order to deliver the investment as set out in the Cabinet Member Decision Report, the Council needs to award a contract to a contractor for pre-surface dressing patching work.</p> <p>The Council has its own framework for the delivery of civil engineering and associated works for the improvement of the Council’s highway network and public realm, procured following Council’s Contract Rules and the Public Contract Regulations 2015. As part of this framework, surfacing works (Lot 4) has been included through which pre-surface dressing patching works can be delivered.</p> <p>Officers have identified that the capacity exists on the framework and that the best value for money is represented by awarding the contract through that framework.</p> <p>Under the selection procedure 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 that of the other Suppliers based on the quotation information submitted within the framework tender and therefore a Secondary Competition is unlikely to add value. As such it is intended to instruct Tarmac Trading Ltd to provide Quotations without Secondary Competition for individual packages of work.</p>																
<p>Equality Considerations</p>	<p>This work being carried out is founded on the guidance set out in Well Managed Highway Infrastructure: A Code of Practice. When considering the highway network hierarchy in Herefordshire the presence of community, medical or educational facilities are considered as part of the usage consideration ensuring that highway corridors to these facilities are afforded more priority.</p> <p>As a result, 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.</p>																
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>A total budget of £4.4m has been allocated to this project with £2,176,727.05 being committed as a result of this decision, with a £217,672.70 contingency.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1731 1465 2011"> <thead> <tr> <th>Budget Name</th> <th>Total Works Budget</th> <th>Contract Works Value</th> <th>Cost Code</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Works</td> <td>£4.4m</td> <td>£2,176,727.05</td> <td>CM7396 CAP7396</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contingency</td> <td></td> <td>£217,672.70</td> <td>CM7396 CAP7396</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td>£2,394,399.75</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Budget Name	Total Works Budget	Contract Works Value	Cost Code	Works	£4.4m	£2,176,727.05	CM7396 CAP7396	Contingency		£217,672.70	CM7396 CAP7396	Total		£2,394,399.75	
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	<p>Risk Management:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Legal Implications:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The framework is operated under the NEC4 Framework Contract arrangements with NEC4 Engineering and Construction Short Contracts used for delivery of individual schemes.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>That this additional investment is not made and the Council continues to maintain Herefordshire’s highways in accordance with sound asset management practices but wholly within the maintenance allocations and grant funding made available by Central Government.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>

Signed:

Date: 27.03.26

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Appendix 1 – List of roads identified for pre-surface dressing patching works

- A4103 - Cradley Hall Farm Bends
- B4224 Fownhope Village
- B4352 Blakemere S bends to Old Rectory
- A4103- Red Lion Pub to Cradley
- C1303 Putley Green to C1304 Junction
- B4349 Kingstone 30mph to 40mph
- C1304 - C1323 Junction to C1303 Junction
- B4352 Tyberton 30mph to 'Road Liable to Flooding' Sign
- C1206 - B4348 to C1209
- B4362 Through Nash Wood with U91034 Jct
- A438 – Letton
- A4172 - Between C1303 Jct and The Rectory
- B4348 - Much Dewchurch to Kivernoll
- C1266 - B4399 to Church Road
- A44 Stanner Kington
- B4348 The Bage derestriction to Dorstone 30mph
- B4224 – Bromsash
- U66014 - From A465 towards Much Cowarne
- B4229 - Kerne Bridge U70405 Goodrich
- A438 - Stowe Farm, Winforton
- C1007 Junction with the B4362 to Lingen
- A4111 - U91026 Apostles Lane-U91032 Woodbrk to A4111
- U74213 Cwm Road/Tremorithic Road/Mill Lane
- A438 - Tinhill to Red Ley Farm
- A465 - Sebastapol Cottages (safety Scheme) to Quicksets Farm
- C1040 - B4361 to Eyton Common
- B4203 Beauty Bank Entrance to Old Smithy
- A4113 - Jolly Frog to Fiddlers Elbow