

### Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Contract Award – Surface Dressing 2026
<b>Date of decision:</b>	08/04/2026
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Corporate Director for Economy and Environment
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>A Cabinet Member decision was taken on 10<sup>th</sup> 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><a href="#">Decision - Public Realm Services Annual Plan –2026/27 - Herefordshire Council</a></p>
<b>Ward:</b>	‘Countywide’
<b>Consultation:</b>	<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>
<b>Decision made:</b>	Contract Award: Surface Dressing 2026 (Works Order 42) (List of sites seen in Appendix A) to Eurovia Infrastructure Limited with an initial contract value £1,088,867.90 with a contingency value of £163,330.19 cost subject to final design which will consider any change in condition prior to treatment. The contingency, 15% also includes project costs such as project management, administration, legal and supervision costs. Budget allocated to the project = £1,252,198.09

<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b></p>	<p>Herefordshire Council's framework is to be utilised to deliver the council's investment in the Highway network.</p> <p>In line with the Cabinet Member Decision Report, capacity in the framework exists, a mini competition has been undertaken under Lot 5 of the framework to get the best value which also demonstrates value for money.</p> <p>The further competition on the framework received competitive prices, the decision is to award to the preferred provider following the tender evaluation process.</p>																
<p><b>Equality Considerations</b></p>	<p>The work undertaken follows 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>Therefore, the selection of roads for investment 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><b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b></p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>A total budget of £4.4m has been allocated to thin surface treatments which includes preparation works with £2,176,727.05 already committed. As a result of this decision, a further £1,088,867.90 will be committed with a £163,330.19 contingency (15%).</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="491 1379 1445 1659"> <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>£2.23m</td> <td>£1,088,867.90</td> <td>CM7396 CAP7396</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contingency</td> <td></td> <td>£163,330.19</td> <td>CM7396 CAP7396</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>£1,252,198.09</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Project management and supervision will be allocated out of the overall budget.</p> <p><b>Risk Management:</b></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>	Budget Name	Total Works Budget	Contract Works Value	Cost Code	Works	£2.23m	£1,088,867.90	CM7396 CAP7396	Contingency		£163,330.19	CM7396 CAP7396	<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,252,198.09</b>	
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	<p><b>Legal Implications:</b></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><b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p>	<p>Not to award, this is not recommended as this would put the council's investment in highway infrastructure at risk.</p>
<p><b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b></p>	<p>None</p>

Signed..... Date: 08/04/2026

## Appendix A

**Scheme List - Proposed Surface Dressing  
Preps**

<b>Road</b>	<b>Location</b>
A4103	Cradley Hall Farm Bends
A4113	Jolly Frog to Fiddlers Elbow
A4172	Between C1303 Jct and The Rectory
A438	Letton
A44	Stanner Kington
B4214	Munderfield Village - A465
B4220	Bosbury Village
B4352	Blakemere S bends to Old Rectory
B4360	C1037 - B4529
C1004	Ford Street - Stapleton
C1031	Cabal Lane - A44
C1098	Bridge Sollers Bridge to Lulham
C1239	Broad Oak to Garway
C1261	Little Dewchurch S/L - S/L
C1266	B4399 to Church Road
U65020	Burying Lane
U65622	Coombe Lane & The Barrow, Cradley
U65623	Greenhill, Cradley
U65624	Nupend Lane, from C1140 to Riley Hill Farm
U71234/U71235	The Doward
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U71405	Coppice Road, Garway (from C1236 to C1239)
U71413	Garway to Trolway
B4224	Fownhope Village
A4103	Red Lion Pub to Cradley
A4111	U91026 Apostles Lane-U91032 Woodbrk to A4111
A438	Stowe Farm, Winforton
A438	Tinhill to Red Ley Farm
A465	Sebastapol Cottages (safety Scheme) to Quicksets Farm
A480	Rbt towards Wyevale
B4203	Beauty Bank Entrance to Old Smithy
B4224	Bromsash
B4229	Kerne Bridge U70405 Goodrich
B4348	Alma Cottage to Kingstone
B4348	Donathon Farm to HRA Joint after Gamberhead Cottages
B4348	Much Dewchurch to Kivernoll
B4348	The Bage derestriction to Dorstone 30mph
B4349	Kingstone 30mph to 40mph
B4352	Tyberton 30mph to 'Road Liable to Flooding' Sign
B4362	Through Nash Wood with U91034 Jct
C1007	Junction with the B4362 to Lingen
C1040	From B4361 to U92601 (Eyton Common)
C1101	Parks Lane, Brinsop
C1133	Panks Bridge to the Old Forge
C1199	Eaton Bishop

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C1206	B4348 to C1209
C1267	Church View to Redlands, Ballingham
C1303	Putley Green to C1304 Junction
C1304	C1323 Junction to C1303 Junction
U65030	Tedstone Wafer to Tedone Delamere
U66014	From A465 towards Much Cowarne
U72001	Broadway Lands, C1261 to C1267
U74213	Cwm Road/Tremorithic Road/Mill Lane
U93400	Derndale