

Title: Year of Delivery – Capital Projects

Meeting: Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee

Meeting date: 7 July 2026

**Report by: Service Director Economy and Growth,
Delivery Director - Infrastructure**

Classification

Open

Report purpose

To provide Connected Communities with updates on key capital projects being undertaken by Herefordshire Council in 2026.

Background

1. Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee identified delivery of key economy and environment projects in 2026 as a priority for its work programme. The committee chair agreed with the Corporate Director Economy and Environment to bring this item to scrutiny midway in 2026 and again at the end of 2026.
2. The projects to be considered include;
 - Hereford Western Bypass Phase 1
 - Hereford Transport Hub
 - Ross Enterprise Park
 - Hereford Museum and Art Gallery
 - Shirehall
 - Holme Lacy Road

Meeting objectives

3. To review the above projects being undertaken by Herefordshire Council in 2026.

Report information

4. Herefordshire Council approved its [Total Capital Programme](#) and [Capital Strategy](#) at its annual budget Council meeting on 13 February 2026. Contained in the Capital Strategy is Herefordshire Council's Capital programme for the 2026-27 financial year.

5. To support scrutiny's work, appendix 1 of this report provides a detailed highlights report for each project, including:
 - a. Current risk RAG rating, previous risk RAG rating, and key risks and issues
 - b. Project timeline
 - c. Current in-phase activity (the period for which will vary by project)
 - d. Planned activity for the next project phase
 - e. Approved budget, spend to date and forecast cost
 - f. Changes to project scope or quality (where necessary)

Consultees

6. None undertaken in producing this report.

Appendices

7. Appendix 1 Highlights report for major infrastructure projects being carried out by Herefordshire Council in 2026.

Background papers and resources

8. None identified