

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Traffic Signal System Improvements – Aylestone Hil/Commercial Road Corridor
Date of decision:	18 th September 2026
Decision maker:	Major Contracts Programme Director – Economy & Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	A Cabinet Member decision was taken on 10th March 2026 to confirm the Public Realm Services Annual Plan –2026/27 Recommendation(s): 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; (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; Full details of the decision taken can be seen at the following link: Decision - Public Realm Services Annual Plan –2026/27 - Herefordshire Council
Ward:	College, Eign Hill, Central and Widemarsh
Consultation:	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. Given the above, it was agreed by Group Leaders that a Political Group Consultation was not required for this report.
Decision made:	To commission Yunex to implement recommended improvements to the traffic signal system at the junctions of Commercial Road, Stonebow Road, Station Road, Aylestone Hill. The cost for the scheme is £70,179, with a further £10,000 for validation of the traffic signal network in the vicinity of the changes. A further 10% contingency will be added to the contract.

Reasons for decision:	The traffic signal system on the Aylestone Hill/Commercial Road corridor have been identified as operationally inefficient and a review has identified areas for improvements which will provide efficiencies in the green time for traffic whilst reducing congestion at the location.
Equality Considerations	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.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Finance: A total budget of £361,000 has been allocated for maintenance and improvement of the traffic signal asset in Herefordshire in 2026/27. As a result of this decision £80,179 and a further £8,000 of contingency will be committed. Risk Management: The risk will be through the procurement and management of the contract with Yunex by the Highways Team.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to award will result will result in the traffic signal system on the Aylestone Hill/Commercial Road corridor continuing to operate inefficiently.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

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