

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Commercial Rd / Blueschool Street, Hereford – Traffic Signal Junction upgrade scheme
Date of decision:	26 th August 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:	Hereford City
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. Ward Members and Parish Councils will be informed of works that are to take place in their area.
Decision made:	To approve the appointment of Telent Technology Services Limited to undertake the installation and commissioning of traffic signal improvements at Commercial Rd & Blueschool St, Hereford. The existing traffic signals have reached the end of their design life and are experiencing increasing failures. In accordance with framework

	procedures, a direct award is proposed to Telent Technology Services Limited, as they are the sole contractor for delivering Traffic Signal Improvement and Maintenance Works.																
Reasons for decision:	To deliver the investment as set out in the Cabinet Member Decision Report, the Council needs to award a contract for traffic signal upgrade works to Telent Technology Services Limited. As part of a mixed economy model, the council operates its own highways and public realm schemes framework, which offers a pre-competed, compliant way of commissioning works quickly and efficiently with direct award and mini-competition provisions. A new framework has been established for use for 2026-2030 and will include the ability to undertake general civil engineering works, resurfacing, surface dressing and other thin surface treatment works, structures schemes, traffic signal improvement and maintenance works, tree surveys and inspections and tree works. As part of the new Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework (2026-2030), Telent Technology Services Limited was awarded the Lot 6 Traffic Signal Improvement and Maintenance Works.																
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 £2,750,000.00 has been allocated to other highway services. As a result of this decision £355,449.95 with a £35,500 contingency will be allocated to this scheme. <table><tr><td>Budget Name</td><td>Total Works Budget</td><td>Contract Works Value</td><td>Cost Code</td></tr><tr><td>Works</td><td>£2,750,000.00</td><td>£356,408.27</td><td>CM7270 CAP2301</td></tr><tr><td>Contingency</td><td></td><td>£35,600</td><td>CM7270 CAP2301</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td>£392,008.27</td><td></td></tr></table> Risk Management: The creation of a framework has contributed to minimising risks associated with procurement delay, supply chain resilience whilst 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 conditions.	Budget Name	Total Works Budget	Contract Works Value	Cost Code	Works	£2,750,000.00	£356,408.27	CM7270 CAP2301	Contingency		£35,600	CM7270 CAP2301	Total		£392,008.27	
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	Legal Implications: A procurement process to create a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework was conducted between January and March 2026 in accordance with the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules. The framework will be operated under the NEC4 Framework Contract arrangements with appropriate NEC4 Contracts used for the delivery of individual schemes.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to award will result in the continuation of the traffic signal failing. Intervention now will be a better option than leaving the lights which are past their life expectancy to continue failing and ultimately need replacing.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed - Major Contracts Programme Director

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