

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member transport and infrastructure**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Bus Service Improvement Plan capital funding</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member transport and infrastructure Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	7 July 2025
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	The purpose of this report is to set out how the £1.1 million Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) capital funding is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so.
<b>Decision</b>	<p>That:</p> <p>a) approval is given to draw down the £1.1 million Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) capital funding allocated in BSIP+ funding for Herefordshire Council 2025/26 in accordance with the Council's BSIP and supported by the Enhanced Partnership; and</p>

	b) delegated authority is given to the Chief Operating Officer to take all operational decisions (as set out in paras 3 to 5 below) over the lifetime of the project, to deliver the investment set out in recommendation (a)
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50051575">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50051575</a>
Options considered	That these investments are not made. The council continues to maintain bus stops in accordance with sound asset management practices but wholly within the maintenance allocations made available internally. Furthermore, the council continues to support bus services to the best of its ability but without data and planning tools made available. This is not recommended as this does not seek improvements to passenger experience nor seek to improve patronage on the network. The grant would also need to be repaid, so would be a loss of funding to the council.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	11 July 2025

Councillor: .....  Cabinet member transport and infrastructure (Councillor Philip Price)	Date 7 July 2025
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.