

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience

Title	The New Public Realm Service – Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework
Decision maker	Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	9 October 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	As part of preparations for the New Public Realm Service, this report seeks approval for the procurement of a new Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework. The new framework will be used for the delivery of schemes, forming part of a mixed economy model approach for the service alongside the new Public Realm Contract that will come into place on 1st June 2026.
Decision	a) Cabinet Member agrees to the establishment of a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework, estimated to commence in April 2026 for a period of 4

	<p>years as set out in this report and as per the Lot structure listed in Appendix 2. The overall contract value of the framework across all Lots is estimated to be £100 million excluding VAT. This is in order to support the mixed economy for the delivery of highway and public realm schemes and relating to a new approach to the Public Realm Services contract;</p> <p>b) Cabinet Member delegates authority to the Major Contracts Programme Director to carry out the procurement and award of the Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework, as set out in recommendation (a), to successful bidders that meet the criteria.</p> <p>c) Cabinet Member delegates authority to the Major Contracts Programme Director to take all necessary operational decisions to deliver recommendations (a) and (b) above.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50052756</p>
Options considered	<p>1. To reject this strategy and to not procure a new Highways and Public Realm Schemes framework. This is not recommended as to rely on one-off and spot tenders could jeopardise the timely delivery of works associated with the Council's Capital Programme and the delivery of the highway maintenance capital funding received from the Department for Transport on an annual basis. Rejecting this strategy would also go against the Councils mixed economy for the delivery of highways and public realm schemes as part of the approach to the New Public Realm Services contract.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	15 October 2025

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member local engagement and community resilience (Councillor Dan Hurcomb)</p>	<p>Date 9 October 2025</p>
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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;

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