

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Hereford Western Bypass Phase One – Assessment Criteria (formerly known as Hereford Western Bypass Phase One – Decision Criteria)
Decision maker	Cabinet 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	30 April 2026
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	To seek approval from Cabinet on the set of criteria from the Phase One Full Business Case which will be used to assist Cabinet in its assessment of the scheme; and to set out the scheme requirements which need to be in place before the start of construction. This will assist Cabinet in considering their decision to release funding, appoint the preferred contractor and begin construction of Phase One.
Decision	That:

	<p>a) Cabinet adopts the recommended assessment criteria from the Full Business Case that will be used to help evaluate the Phase One scheme; and</p> <p>b) Cabinet accepts the pre-construction requirements that are to be met.</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/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50054639</p>
Options considered	<p>The cabinet could choose not to adopt a set of requirements and assessment criteria ahead of consideration of the Full Business Case. This would result in Cabinet considering the Full Business Case without an assessment of its delivery against criteria that Cabinet's considers are of sufficient importance and focus. The Full Business Case is a weighty document with complex traffic modelling and value for money data. Providing a list of some of the key criteria that should be considered in advance will allow for consultation with members and better prepare members for scrutinising the Full Business Case.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	7 May 2026

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)</p>	<p>Date 30 April 2026</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;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.