

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member roads and regulatory services

Title	National Parking Platform (NPP)
Decision maker	Cabinet member roads and regulatory services 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	24 July 2026
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	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. 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.
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	This report seeks approval for the Council to join the National Parking Platform (NPP).
Decision	That: a) The Cabinet member approves the Council entering into a contract with the National Parking Platform (NPP), and b) Delegates all operational and financial decisions to the Chief Operating Officer - Resident Services to progress the council's application to join the NPP.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at

	http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50054469
Options considered	1) Retaining the existing single-provider cashless parking arrangement and re-procuring a parking payment app through a traditional competitive tender process. This is not recommended. While this approach would result in lower direct annual costs, it would require repeated procurement exercises over time, ongoing contract management, and continued reliance on a single supplier. This model also offers less resilience in the event of supplier failure and provides limited flexibility to respond to market change or introduce additional payment providers without further procurement activity. On balance, officers consider that this option would be less robust and less financially sustainable over the longer term, particularly when assessed against the Council's objectives for risk management, service resilience and value for money.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	None.
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	30 July 2026

Councillor: Cabinet member roads and regulatory services (Councillor Barry Durkin)	Date 24 July 2026
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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.