

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport

Title	2022/23 Winter Resilience
Decision maker	Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport 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 January 2023
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.
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 authorise the spend / investment in the council / public realm assets to provide winter resilience following the council's resolution at the councils meeting on 11 February 2022, to approve the proposed capital investment from 2022/23 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the winter fleet strategy which will allow for the replacement of 8 fleet vehicles over the next 5 years, • Renew outdated weather stations. • Install flood warning system.
Decision	That: <p style="text-align: center;">a) £1,402k be invested in the asset to support county winter resilience as set out below over the next 4 years:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a) £1,160k in 8 no Winter Gritters 2022/23 through to 2026/27;</p>

	<p>b) £180k investment in Weather Monitoring and Forecasting Stations; c) £40k in Flood Warning Sensors + bases; and d) £22k in installation and project management costs.</p> <p>b) Delegated authority is given to the Director of Economy and Environment, in consultation with the S151 Officer to take all operational decisions to deliver the projects set out in recommendation (a).</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?IId=50040449</p>
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not to invest £1,402k in infrastructure assets, this is not recommended as this would be contrary to the council's resolution on 11 February 2022. 2. Not to invest in winter resilience, this is not recommended. The investment continues the fleet renewal that ensures the council and its service providers can respond as needed to the challenges of severe weather.
Declarations of interest (see below)	N/A
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	30 January 2023

Councillor: Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport (Councillor John Harrington)	Date 24 January 2023
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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.