

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport

Title	2023/24 Public Realm Maintenance (Market Town Highway Improvements and Public Transport Infrastructure)
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	20 February 2023
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 authorise spend and investment in the public realm assets and infrastructure following the resolution at the Council meeting on 11 February 2022, to approve the proposed capital programme for 2023/24.
Decision	That: a) £1.265m is to be invested in infrastructure and assets as set out in I to III below: I. £1m Market Town Highway Improvements II. £150k Investment in Public Transport Infrastructure III. £115k Project Management fees. 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 infrastructure projects set out in recommendation (a).
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50043460
Options considered	1. Not to invest £1.265m in infrastructure and assets, this is not recommended as this would be contrary to the council resolution on 11 February 2022. 2. Not to invest in the public realm assets and infrastructure. The funding investment will improve the Market Towns and bus infrastructure that will support the locality and the transport links identified supporting the local and county wide economy. Not to invest will increase pressure on the existing network and increase reactive revenue works to mitigate the continued deterioration of the network and assets.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	24 February 2023

Councillor: Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport (Councillor John Harrington)	Date 20 February 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.