

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Eastern River Crossing and Link Road
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	2 March 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	This report seeks Cabinet approval of the scheme objectives included in the body of the report which sets out the progress made to date in developing the Strategic Outline Business Case. The report also identifies the interrelationship with the Hereford City Masterplan and the Local Transport Plan, and suggests a broad timetable to take the scheme through to construction and operation
Decision	That: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cabinet approves the project objectives as set out in this report; b) Cabinet notes the progress in developing the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for the Eastern River Crossing and Link Road; and

	c) The Service Director for Highways and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure is authorised to take operational decisions associated with progressing the SOBC in respect of the project.
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=50044000
Options considered	The Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) will use the objectives recommended in this report to develop a long list of options. Benefits, risks and constraints will be considered before a short list of possible options is included in the SOBC report that will be finalised in the spring of 2023. There are currently no options that have been considered and rejected.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	9 March 2023

Councillor: Leader of the Council (Councillor David Hitchiner)	Date 2 March 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.