

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>2023 highways maintenance and pothole repair funding, 2023 to 2024</b>
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: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	10 August 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	The purpose of the report is to approve the DfT additional budget allocation for 2023, highways and maintenance funding, 2023 to 2024 of £2.558m, spent in year and invested in the public realm to improve the highway network.
<b>Decision</b>	<b>That:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>The £2.558m Department for Transport 2023 grant for Herefordshire is invested in maintenance works on the highway network and is programmed for delivery following scheme identification and prioritisation in line with the council's lifecycle and asset management approach, but with a focus on delivering for C and U class rural roads across the County. The programme of work will be used to prepare roads for a wider programme of surface treatments in 2024/25 worth around £6m; and</b></li> <li>b) <b>Delegated authority is given to the Director of Economy and Environment, in consultation with the S151 Officer,</b></li> </ul>

	<b>to take all operational decisions to deliver the infrastructure investment set out in recommendation (a).</b>
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50044797">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50044797</a>
Options considered	1. Not to accept and invest the £2.558m grant; this is not recommended as this is an opportunity to address network condition and improve the network for all users.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	16 August 2023

Councillor: .....	Date 10 August 2023
Cabinet member roads and regulatory services (Councillor Barry Durkin)	

- 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.