

Written statement of a delegated executive officer decision
Corporate Director – Economy & Environment

Title	2023/24 Capital Investment in Managing Ash Die Back in Herefordshire (The date range was previously listed as 2023 to 2027)
Decision maker	Corporate Director – Economy & Environment
Date of decision	15 February 2024
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To authorise the spend/investment in the Public Realm mitigating the Ash Die Back risk in Herefordshire. This decision follows the council's resolution at the full council meeting of the 10 February 2023 to approve the Capital Programme for 2023/24.
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>a) The Capital Investment of £315,000.00 in 2023/24 be utilised in mitigating the Ash Die Back risk in Herefordshire, removing trees where necessary.</p> <p>b) Authority be delegated to Service Director Environment and Highways to expend the funding and take all operational decisions in delivering recommendation (a) including authorising the procurement of services and award of any associated contracts</p>
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=50044221
Consultation	members and group leaders
Options considered	Not to invest in removing the risk in the county, this has been discounted as the evidence from surveys have highlighted the issues. The funding is required to ensure the public are safe. Removing the risk when necessary will ensure safety.
Declarations of interest	None

Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	21 February 2024
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Officer: Date 15 February 2024 Corporate Director – Economy & Environment (Ross Cook)
