

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member transport and infrastructure**

<b>Title</b>	<b>2023 to 2024 Capital Investment in Highways Infrastructure</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member transport and infrastructure 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	26 February 2024
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 the spend/investment in the public realm assets and infrastructure following council's resolution at the Council meeting 10 February 2023, to approve the proposed Capital Programme for 2023/24 through to 2026/27.
<b>Decision</b>	<b>That:</b>  <b>a) Capital investment for 2023/24, in assets as set out below, is procured;:</b> <b>a. Carriageway investment £1.5m</b> <b>b. Structures £1.5m</b> <b>c. Parish Safety Schemes £100k</b>

	<p>d. Drainage £500k  e. Street Lighting £200k  f. PRow Structures £100k  g. Project Management £185k  h. Total £4.085m</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 infrastructure projects set out in recommendation (a).</p>
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=50044219">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50044219</a>
Options considered	<p>1. Not to invest £4.085m in the highway infrastructure asset as set out above, this is not recommended as this would be contrary to the council resolution on 10 February 2023.</p> <p>2. Not to invest in the public realm infrastructure, the elements support the council's Asset Management Plan, the investment compliments the Local Transport Plan funding which is ensuring the deteriorating network is managed to ensure a safe, usable network for all. Not to invest will see accelerated deterioration in the county's assets.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	None
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	1 March 2024

Councillor: ..... Cabinet member transport and infrastructure (Councillor Philip Price)	Date 26 February 2024
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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.