






## Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Authorisation to spend designated funding for Market Town Highways Improvements
<b>Date of decision:</b>	07.06.23
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Corporate Director Economy & Environment
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	To authorise spend/investment in the public realm assets and infrastructure in accordance with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport. Decision 20 February 2023: <a href="#">Issue details - 2023/24 Public Realm Maintenance (Market Town Highway Improvements and Public Transport Infrastructure) - Herefordshire Council</a>
<b>Ward:</b>	All Wards
<b>Consultation:</b>	Market town Highway Improvements Consultation for this decision has taken place with the council's finance team.
<b>Decision made:</b>	To approve the delivery programme and spend of the £1m Market Town Highway Improvements capital funding in the financial year 23/24.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The funding aims to support the council's Highways Asset Management Strategy, mitigating the risk on the network, as part of a long term strategy in providing sustained investment. The projects address specific risks on the network as set out in the report. The projects are capital investment and as such will be allocated unique budget codes that will be used for monitoring and reporting by the corporate project management team alongside the Public Realm Contract annual plan management process.</p> <p>The £1m Market Towns Highways Improvements investment supports the sustained investment county-wide. The project invests in the market towns Public Realm assets supporting the economic and community facilities in the towns. This is an ongoing programme of works targeted at treating the public realm assets. The town councils and local ward members are being consulted with the proposed programme of works and will include resurfacing works, drainage and TRO schemes. The programme of works will deliver scoping, design and construction elements for each market town. £200,000 is assigned for this for each market town.</p> <p>The project market town programmes are attached, they are indicative and are being finalised with the town councils and local members. The final programme of works will be managed through contract change control. The schemes will be target costed and subject to benchmarking with similar schemes to ensure value for money.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               Bromyard.xlsx         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               Kington List.xlsx         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               Ledbury List.xlsx         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               Leominster List.xlsx         </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px; text-align: center;">               Ross on Wye List.xlsx         </div>

<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<p>The funding aims to support the council’s Highways Asset Management Strategy, mitigating the risk on the network, as part of a long term strategy in providing sustained investment. The project addresses specific risks on the network as set out in the report. The project is a capital investment and as such will be allocated unique budget codes that will be used for monitoring and reporting by the corporate project management team alongside the Public Realm Contract annual plan management process. This programme of works will be managed and delivered by Balfour Beatty through the public realm contract. Target and delivery costs have been benchmarked against the public realm contract in order to ensure VFM.</p>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not to invest £1m in infrastructure and assets, this is not recommended as this would be contrary to the Council resolution on 11 February 2022 and subsequent cabinet member decision on 20 February 2023.</li> <li>2. Not to invest in the public realm assets and infrastructure. The funding investment will improve the Market Towns 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.</li> </ol>
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	<p>None</p>

Signed..... Date: