

## Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Re-allocation of Local Transport Plan (LTP) budgets
<b>Date of decision:</b>	23 January 2024
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Service Director Environment and Highways
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member Infrastructure and Transport took a decision 6 April 2023 to confirm the annual plan 2023/24 for the public realm services contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places. This decision authorised: That:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) the Annual Plan for public realm services, as outlined at Appendix 1 of this report be approved as the basis for service delivery during 2023/24 with an overall budget of up to £18,668,796; made up of £5,832,587 revenue and £12,867,000 capital budgets as detailed in paragraph 35 below;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) the Interim Service Director Transport and Highways be authorised to agree, through the contract governance arrangements, final adjustments to the programme (including any recommendations from the Strategic Partnering Board) and budget allocation to each of the Annexes and any in-year adjustments to the plan, within the overall budget;</p> <p>This decision can be viewed using the following link:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Decision - Public Realm Services Annual Plan 2023 - 2024 - Herefordshire Council</a></p>
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	None
<b>Decision made:</b>	To move £200k of LTP staff budget and £75k of underspend on other retained budgets to fund the programme of pre-surface dressing preparation works on C and U class rural roads across the county.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>A programme of pre-surface dressing preparation works on C and U class rural roads across the county commenced in October 2023, funded from a £2.558 million Department for Transport grant. Of the grant, £150k was identified by Officers for innovation.</p> <p>22 of the initial 29 schemes identified by Officers have been completed to date at a cost of £2.4 million, with works associated with the remaining 7 schemes estimated to cost approximately £777k.</p> <p>Officers have identified £200k of LTP staff budget and £75k of other retained budget that can be used to part fund the remaining works, with the funding being available due to lower than budgeted internal staff recharges and other spend during 2023/24.</p>
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	None

<p><b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Implications</b></p> <p>Officers have identified £200k of LTP staff budget and £75k of other retained budget for 2023/24 that can be re-allocated to the pre-surface dressing preparation works on the C and U class rural roads. This funding is available due to lower than budgeted internal staff recharges and other spend during 2023/24 and which would not have a detrimental impact on existing revenue budgets.</p> <p>LTP is an annual grant from DfT that has to be spent in year or would need to be repaid, reallocating this budget ensures we spend the grant award, with no loss of income.</p> <p><b>Risk Management</b></p> <p>Not moving £200k of LTP staff budget and £75k of other retained budget would mean some of the remaining schemes would not be delivered as part of this programme of work, which could lead to further deterioration of the highway, resulting in a potential increase in maintenance costs.</p> <p><b>Legal Implications</b></p> <p>There are no legal implications as a result of moving £200k of LTP staff budget and £75k of other retained budget to fund the programme of pre-surface dressing preparation works on C and U class rural roads.</p>
<p><b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p>	<p>Not moving £200k of LTP staff budget and £75k of other retained budget would mean some of the remaining schemes would not be delivered as part of this programme of work.</p> <p>There are no other works with a higher priority to use the current underspend at present, to be delivered by the end of March 2024.</p>
<p><b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b></p>	<p>None</p>

Signed..... Date: 23 January 2024