

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Re-allocation of Local Transport Plan (LTP) budgets and use of gainshare
Date of decision:	28 th February 2024
Decision maker:	Service Director Environment and Highways
Authority for delegated decision:	<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:</p> <p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (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>This decision can be viewed using the following link: Decision - Public Realm Services Annual Plan 2023 - 2024 - Herefordshire Council</p>
Ward:	Countywide.
Consultation:	None.
Decision made:	To move £40k of underspend on other retained budgets and to use £60k of gainshare to fund the programme of pre-surface dressing preparation works on C and U class rural roads across the county.
Reasons for decision:	<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.</p> <p>27 of the initial 29 schemes identified by Officers have been progressed to date within identified budgets. A further scheme has been identified as being deliverable with the addition of £40k of other LTP retained budget, with the funding being available due to lower than budgeted spend during 2023/24 and the use of £60k of gainshare.</p>
Equality Considerations	None identified.

<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Financial Implications</p> <p>Officers have identified £40k of other LTP retained budget 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 spend during 2023/24 and which would not have a detrimental impact on existing revenue budgets. The remaining £60k would be funded from gainshare.</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>Risk Management</p> <p>Not using the £100k as set out above would mean a scheme not being 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>Legal Implications</p> <p>There are no legal implications as a result of moving £40k of other LTP retained budget and the use of £60k of gainshare to fund the programme of pre-surface dressing preparation works on C and U class rural roads.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Not moving £40k of other retained budget and not using £60k of gainshare would mean a scheme not being 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>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None.</p>