

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Award of highway works associated with the Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways Funding
Date of decision:	8 th May 2024
Decision maker:	Corporate Director for Economy and Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>A Cabinet Member decision was taken on 22nd April 2024 relating to how the £10.0 million investment Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so.</p> <p>a) approval is given to invest the £10.0 million budget allocated for Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways across 2024/25 and 2025/26 in accordance with the Council’s Highway Asset Management Plan; and</p> <p>b) delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment to take all operational decisions over the lifetime of the project, to deliver the investment set out in recommendation (a). Full details of the decision taken can be seen at the following link:</p> <p>Decision - Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways - Herefordshire Council</p>
Ward:	Countywide.
Consultation:	<p>As part of the revised consultation process for key decisions, a Political Group Consultation was undertaken on 16th March 2024 with Officers outlining the content of the Cabinet Member decision that was then taken on 17th April 2024. Further details can be found at:</p> <p>Decision - Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways - Herefordshire Council</p> <p>Ward Members and Parish Councils will be informed of works that are to take place in their area.</p>
Decision made:	<p>In line with the Cabinet Member Decision Report, to award the following works for 2024/25 via the Council’s Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework and within the identified works budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivery of resurfacing works (£4.75m) <p>To Tarmac Trading Ltd the resurfacing of sections of A and B roads, as identified as requiring the most urgent work, drawn from the Highway Forward Programme.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>In order to deliver the investment in the A and B roads for 2024/25 as set out in the Cabinet Member Decision Report, the Council needs to award contracts to a surfacing contractor.</p> <p>The Council has recently created its own framework for the delivery of civil engineering and associated works for the improvement of the Council’s highway network and public realm, procured following Council Procedure Rules and the Public Contract Regulations 2015. As part of this framework, a lot for surfacing works (Lot 4) has been included.</p>

	<p>In line with the Cabinet Member Decision Report, Officers have identified that the capacity exists on the framework and that the best value for money is represented by awarding the contract through that framework.</p> <p>Under the selection procedure for the framework, Officers have used the quotation information provided which shows that the total of the prices of Tarmac Trading Ltd is likely to be significantly lower than that of the other Suppliers based on the quotation information submitted within the framework tender and therefore a Secondary Competition is unlikely to add value. As such it is intended to instruct Tarmac Trading Ltd to provide Quotations without Secondary Competition for individual packages of work.</p>
<p>Equality Considerations</p>	<p>This work being carried out is founded on the guidance set out in Well Managed Highway Infrastructure: A Code of Practice. When considering the highway network hierarchy in Herefordshire the presence of community, medical or educational facilities are considered as part of the usage consideration ensuring that highway corridors to these facilities are afforded more priority.</p> <p>As a result the selection of roads for investment as part of this decision is considered to have a positive impact on the protected characteristics of Age and Disability. The investment set out in this report is considered to have a neutral impact on the other protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Financial Implications</p> <p>A total works budget of £4.75 million has been allocated to this project, funded through Corporate Funded Borrowing and Capital Receipts, with £250k allocated for staff costs, including project management.</p> <p>Project codes will be allocated so that the project manager assigned can monitor and review progress to enable reporting to the relevant programme boards.</p> <p>Risk Management</p> <p>The creation of a framework has contributed to minimising risks associated with procurement delay, supply chain resilience and demonstrating competition and value for money for the public purse.</p> <p>The identified works should reduce the risk to users on the network as a result of improved condition.</p> <p>Legal Implications</p> <p>A procurement process to create a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework was conducted during January and February 2024 in accordance with the Council’s Contracts Procedure Rules.</p> <p>The framework is operated under the NEC4 Framework Contract arrangements with NEC4 Engineering and Construction Short Contracts used for delivery of individual schemes.</p>

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	That this additional investment is not made and the Council continues to maintain Herefordshire's highways in accordance with sound asset management practices but wholly within the maintenance allocations and grant funding made available by Central Government.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None.

Signed..... Date: 8th May 2024