


Public Realm Contract Political Group Consultation

Monday 17th June 2024

17.00-18.00 – MS Teams

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1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions were made to the Political Group Consultation • New services and contracting arrangements for the Public Realm contract are required from 1 June 2026. A report will be taken to 27 June 2024 Cabinet which will propose the Council adopt the proposed model for market engagement purposes (as set out in appendix 1 of the report). • Following the market engagement, the model will be refined and returned to Cabinet in Autumn 2024, to approve a final version of the model for procurement in 2025. • An overview of the public realm services, the proposed model for the new contract, services proposed to move back in house, the contract type and term was provided, supported by the attached slides. <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>240617 pubic realm pgc slides.pdf</p> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A member of the Conservatives asked if there would be a lot of interest from contractors for this new contract and if there was any indication of what was being said in the market at this current time. 2. A member of the Greens questioned if there was a cost to the termination of the contract with BBLP and if BBLP could re-tender for the new contract. 3. A Green member asked if the drainage team were one of the services being brought back in-house. 4. Representatives of both Independents for Herefordshire and the Conservative parties queried the works value for capital projects and why this would be included within the contract. 5. A member of the Independents for Herefordshire preferred the idea of a longer contract term. 6. A member of the Independents for Herefordshire was happy that locality stewards and highway inspectors were returning in-house to Herefordshire council. 7. A member of the Conservatives queried where the cemeteries and crematorium will be placed as this was an element still to be confirmed. 8. A member of the Conservatives supported the concept of the proposed contract type. A member of the Conservatives did not support a longer initial contract term. 9. A member of the Conservatives raised concern regarding smaller and more local contractors to Hereford would miss out on capital works if works were directly awarded to the public realm contractor. 10. A member of the Conservatives will submit further questions in due course. 11. A member of the Liberal Democrats raised concern of the overall contract with a national supplier referencing the past three contracts. A member of the Liberal Democrats would support local companies being considered for this contract. 12. A member of the Liberal Democrats queried engagement with DFT regarding future funding. 13. All were thanked for their attendance and any further questions should be directed to Jenny.Arnold@herefordshire.gov.uk