

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Contract Award for Surface Dressing Preparation Works – C1080 Almeley
<b>Date of decision:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Corporate Director for Economy and Environment
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>Cabinet Member Report: Additional Department for Transport Highway Maintenance funding 2023/24 and 2024/25</p> <p>Recommendation(s) That:</p> <p>a) approval is given to invest the additional Department for Transport Highway Maintenance funding covering 2023/24 and 2024/25 at £1.83 million per year as detailed within this Report; 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).</p> <p><a href="#">Decision - Additional Department for Transport Highways Maintenance Funding 2023/24 &amp; 2024/25 - Herefordshire Council</a></p>
<b>Ward:</b>	Castle
<b>Consultation:</b>	As part of the revised consultation process for key decisions, a Political Group Consultation was undertaken on 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.
<b>Decision made:</b>	To award a contract for Surface Dressing Preparation works to Tarmac using the councils NEC 4 Framework Agreement, to the value of £27,266.83 for surface dressing preparation works on the C1080 Almeley.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>In order to deliver the C and U road investment as set out in the decision reports above. The works associated with the contract are patching and resurfacing where winter deterioration requires the sites to have further work prior to surface dressing.</p> <p>The Council needs to award contracts to a surfacing dressing preparation contractor, who will prepare the roads for the surface-dressing contractor in due course.</p>
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	The work undertaken follows 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>As a result of the selection of roads for investment, 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><b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b></p>	<p>Finance: A total budget of £3.66million has been allocated to this project, funded through additional Department for Transport Highway Maintenance.</p> <p>Of this budget, £3.477 million has been allocated for the surface dressing schemes and pre-surface dressing patching works, with £183k allocated for staff costs, including project management.</p> <p>Risk Management: 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: 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>
<p><b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p>	<p>Not to award, this is not recommended as this would put the Surface Dressing Works at risk.</p>
<p><b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b></p>	<p>None</p>