

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Award of highway works associated with Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways – Works Order 3
<b>Date of decision:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Corporate Director for Economy and Environment
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>A Cabinet Member decision was taken on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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><a href="#">Decision - Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways - Herefordshire Council</a></p>
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide.
<b>Consultation:</b>	<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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Further details can be found at:</p> <p><a href="#">Decision - Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways - Herefordshire Council</a></p> <p>Ward Members and Parish Councils will be informed of works that are to take place in their area.</p>
<b>Decision made:</b>	To award a contract (Works Order 3) to Tarmac Trading Ltd using the Council’s NEC 4 Framework Agreement, up to the value of £1,982,453.87 to resurface further A and B roads across the county.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>In order to deliver the investment set out in the decision reports above.</p> <p>The works associated with the contract are resurfacing the network on a prioritisation criteria based on condition and need.</p>
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	The selection of roads for investment 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.

**Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:**

Finance:

Under the selection process 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 the other suppliers on the framework based upon the quotation information submitted within the framework tender and therefore this supplier gives the Council good value for money.

A total works budget of £4.75 million has been allocated to the 2024/25 project, funded through Herefordshire Council's Capital Programme. The budget allocation utilised is identified below.

Budget Name	Total Works Budget	Contract Works Value	Cost Code
Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways	£4.75m	£1,982,453.87	CM7361 CAP1905
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4.75m</b>	<b>£1,982,453.87</b>	

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. The identified works should reduce the risk to users on the network as a result of improved condition.

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.

The framework is operated under the NEC4 Framework Contract arrangements with NEC4 Engineering and Construction Short Contracts used for delivery of individual schemes.

**Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:**

Not to award. This is not recommended as this would put the Council's capital programme at risk.

**Details of any declarations of interest made:**

None