

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Award of highway works associated with Highway Infrastructure Investment – Works Order 6
Date of decision:	30 th December 2024
Decision maker:	Corporate Director for Economy and Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>For spend relating to the 2025/26 financial year, a Cabinet Member decision was taken on 19th December 2024 relating to how the Highway Infrastructure Investment is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so.</p> <p>a) Capital investment is made during 2025/26 in the asset groups as set out below:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Carriageways £1.0m</p> <p>b) Delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment to take all operational decisions to deliver the infrastructure projects set out in recommendation (a).</p> <p>Decision - 2025/26 Capital Investment in Existing Highway Infrastructure - Herefordshire Council</p>
Ward:	Countywide.
Consultation:	<p>As part of the revised consultation process for key decisions, Political Group Consultations were undertaken for both Cabinet Member decisions and further details can be found at</p> <p>Decision - 2025/26 Capital Investment in Existing Highway Infrastructure - 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:	To award a contract (Works Order 6) to Tarmac Trading Ltd using the Council’s NEC 4 Framework Agreement, to the initial value of £165,270.23 to resurface C and U roads across the county and to authorise a contingency of £16,527.02.
Reasons for decision:	<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>
Equality Considerations	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:	<p>Finance:</p> <p>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</p>

submitted within the framework tender and therefore this supplier gives the Council good value for money.

A total works budget of £1.00 million has been allocated to the 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
Highway Infrastructure Investment (carriageways) - Works	£1.00m	£165,270.23	CM7338/CAP 1746
Highway Infrastructure Investment (carriageways) - Contingency		£16,527.02	CM7338/CAP 1746
Total	£1.00m	£181,797.25	

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