

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Highway Infrastructure Investment 2025/26 – Additional Funding
Date of decision:	14 th April 2025
Decision maker:	Corporate Director of Economy and Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>For additional spend relating to the 2025/26 financial year, a Cabinet Member decision was taken on 26th March 2025 relating to how the Highway Infrastructure Investment – Additional Funding is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so.</p> <p>a) approval is given to draw down the £5 million additional budget allocated in the capital investment budget for Highway Infrastructure Investment across 2025/26 and 2026/27 as set out in the 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>Decision - Highways Infrastructure Investment - Additional Funding - 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 - Highways Infrastructure Investment - Additional Funding - 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:	In 2025/26, to invest £2,500k across the following asset types: carriageway surfacing (£1,400k), structures (£500k), vehicle restraint systems (£100k), footway reconstruction (£150k) and structural patching works (£350k) as set out in the Cabinet Member report, approved on 26 th March 2025.
Reasons for decision:	<p>In order to deliver the investment set out in the decision reports above.</p> <p>The capital investment supports the county plan and ambitions for Herefordshire as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Environment: protect and enhance our environment and keep Herefordshire a great place to live Community: strengthen communities to ensure everyone lives well and safely together Economy: support our economy which builds on the county's strengths and resources.

	Both safety inspections and network condition surveys have highlighted the continued deterioration of all of the referenced asset groups.																														
Equality Considerations	The selection of assets for investment is considered to have a positive impact on the protected characteristics of Age and Disability. The investment set out in this decision is considered to have a neutral impact on the other protected characteristics.																														
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Finance:</p> <p>A total budget of £2,500k has been allocated to the project for 2025/26, funded through Herefordshire Council's Capital Programme. The commission utilised for the delivery of the elements of the capital investment associated with this decision is identified below along with the delivery route.</p> <p>Where the delivery route is stated as the Public Realm Contract (through Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP)) then the reasoning is due to it not being possible to deliver the identified works through the Highway and Public Realm Framework and/or due to the Council not having the capacity and/or competence on the client side to manage the works during 2025/26.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Budget Name</th> <th>Commission</th> <th>Cost Code</th> <th>Delivery Route</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Highway Infrastructure Investment – Carriageway Investment</td> <td>£1,400k</td> <td>CM7338 CAP1746</td> <td>Herefordshire Council Highway and Public Realm Framework</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highway Infrastructure Investment – Structures</td> <td>£500k</td> <td>CM7338 CAP1747</td> <td>Public Realm Contract (BBLP)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highway Infrastructure Investment – Vehicle Restraint Systems</td> <td>£100k</td> <td>CM7338 CAP2085</td> <td>Public Realm Contract (BBLP)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highway Infrastructure Investment – Footway Reconstruction</td> <td>£150k</td> <td>CM7338 CAP2086</td> <td>Public Realm Contract (BBLP)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highway Infrastructure Investment – Structural Patching Works</td> <td>£350k</td> <td>CM7338 CAP2087</td> <td>Public Realm Contract (BBLP)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£2,500k</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Risk Management:</p>			Budget Name	Commission	Cost Code	Delivery Route	Highway Infrastructure Investment – Carriageway Investment	£1,400k	CM7338 CAP1746	Herefordshire Council Highway and Public Realm Framework	Highway Infrastructure Investment – Structures	£500k	CM7338 CAP1747	Public Realm Contract (BBLP)	Highway Infrastructure Investment – Vehicle Restraint Systems	£100k	CM7338 CAP2085	Public Realm Contract (BBLP)	Highway Infrastructure Investment – Footway Reconstruction	£150k	CM7338 CAP2086	Public Realm Contract (BBLP)	Highway Infrastructure Investment – Structural Patching Works	£350k	CM7338 CAP2087	Public Realm Contract (BBLP)	Total	£2,500k		
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	<p>The sustained investment will reduce the overall risk in highway safety, investing in key elements of the asset that address some of the challenges on the network.</p> <p>The delivery of the works will be over a 12 month period and progress will be reported to the appropriate delivery and financial boards.</p> <p>The Risks will be managed at service level and escalated where necessary in accordance with the Risk Management Plan.</p> <p>Legal Implications:</p> <p>Delivery of these elements of the capital investment will be through the Council’s Highway and Public Realm Framework or through the Public Realm contract and, where necessary and appropriate, subject to competitive procurement processes agreed with the Council’s commercial team.</p> <p>The delegation to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment is permissible.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Not to award. This is not recommended as this would put the Council’s capital programme at risk.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>

Signed..... Date: 14 April 2025

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