

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Road Safety Schemes
Date of decision:	29 th September 2025
Decision maker:	Interim Corporate Director for Economy and Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>A Cabinet Member decision was taken on 11th September 2025 relating to how the £3.0 million investment in road safety schemes is proposed to be spent and to seek the necessary approvals to do so.</p> <p>A decision was taken that:</p> <p>a) approval is given to draw down the £3 million additional budget allocated in the capital investment budget for road safety schemes split between 2025/26 and 2026/27; and</p> <p>b) Delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment to take all operational decisions to enable the design and delivery of appropriate schemes at A465 junction with B4348 Locks Garage, Allensmore, and B4203 junction with B4204 High House Crossroads, Upper Sapey, over the lifetime of the project, to deliver the investment set out in recommendation (a)</p>
Ward:	Bromyard Bringsty and Wormside
Consultation:	<p>The Ward Members for both Bromyard Bringsty and Wormside have indicated their support for the introduction of improvement schemes at the proposed locations and will be kept informed of progress with the detailed design work.</p> <p>As part of the revised consultation process for key decisions, a Political Group Consultation (PGC) was undertaken on 7th August 2025 with Officers outlining the proposed investment.</p>
Decision made:	To undertake detailed design work of road safety schemes at A465 junction with B4348 Locks Garage, Allensmore, and B4203 junction with B4204 High House Crossroads, Upper Sapey through Balfour Beatty Living Places at a cost of up to £350k.
Reasons for decision:	As part of the budget setting process, Full Council approved the 2025/26 Capital Investment Budget and Capital Strategy on 7th February 2025, which included a £3million investment in road safety schemes split over 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years and to deliver highway improvement schemes at (i) A465 junction with B4348 Locks Garage, Allensmore, and (ii) B4203 junction with B4204 High House Crossroads, Upper Sapey.

	<p>Both sites have seen all previous options exhausted and are now considered to require significant investment in large scale improvements, such as signalisation and realignment.</p> <p>Detailed design work is required to enable delivery of both schemes. Utilising Balfour Beatty Living Places is permissible through the existing Public Realm Contract and is considered to be the most efficient and expeditious way of undertaking such design work.</p>
<p>Equality Considerations</p>	<p>As part of the Cabinet Member decision making process, a full Equality Impact Assessment was considered to not be required.</p> <p>However it was identified that road users with protected characteristics of age and disability be taken into account when designing improvement schemes at A465 junction with B4348 Locks Garage, Allensmore, and B4203 junction with B4204 High House Crossroads, Upper Sapey.</p>
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>As part of the £3 million overall project budget, £350k was identified for design work associated with schemes at (i) A465 junction with B4348 Locks Garage, Allensmore, and (ii) B4203 junction with B4204 High House Crossroads, Upper Sapey.</p> <p>Risk Management</p> <p>Not undertaking detailed design would mean not being able to deliver the schemes at (i) A465 junction with B4348 Locks Garage, Allensmore, and (ii) B4203 junction with B4204 High House Crossroads, Upper Sapey.</p> <p>Legal Implications:</p> <p>Utilising Balfour Beatty Living Places is permissible through the existing Public Realm Contract and is considered to be the most efficient and expeditious way of undertaking such design work.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>That this additional investment is not made and an improvement in public and member satisfaction and will help to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our road network at A465 junction with B4348 Locks Garage, Allensmore, and B4203 junction with B4204 High House Crossroads, Upper Sapey.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>

Signed..... Date:

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