

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework (2026-2030)
Date of decision:	27 th March 2026
Decision maker:	Major Contracts Programme Director
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The Cabinet Member for Local Engagement and Community Resilience took a decision on 9th October 2025 to procure a new Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework. The new framework will be used for the delivery of schemes, forming part of a mixed economy model approach for the service alongside the new Public Realm Contract that will come into place on 1st June 2026.</p> <p>Full details of the decision taken can be seen at the following link:</p> <p>Decision - The New Public Realm Service – Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework - Herefordshire Council</p> <p>Delegated authority was given to the Major Contracts Programme Director to carry out the procurement and award of the Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework to successful bidders that meet the criteria as well as to take all related and necessary operational decisions.</p>
Ward:	Countywide.
Consultation:	None.
Decision made:	<p>That the following bidders be awarded a framework contract on the Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework (2026-2030) to deliver schemes as required by the council.</p> <p>Lot 1 General Civils Schemes with an estimated Work Order value of less than £500,000</p> <p>Cambrensis Civil Engineering Ltd Octavius Infrastructure Limited Velta Construction Ltd Owen Pell Ltd M Group Highways Ltd</p> <p>Lot 2 General Civils Schemes with an estimated Work Order value of between £500,000 and £3,000,000</p> <p>Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd Montel Civil Engineering Ltd Octavius Infrastructure Limited Fitzgerald Contractors Ltd McPhillips (Wellington) Ltd</p>

	<p>Lot 3 – Surfacing Schemes</p> <p>Tarmac Trading Limited</p> <p>Lot 4 – Surface Dressing and Thin Treatment Works</p> <p>Eurovia Infrastructure Ltd</p> <p>Lot 5 - Structures Schemes with an estimated Work Order value of up to £1,000,000</p> <p>Velta Construction Ltd VolkerLaser Owen Pell Ltd McPhillips (Wellington) Ltd Cambrensis Civil Engineering Ltd</p> <p>Lot 6 - Traffic Signal Improvement and Maintenance Works</p> <p>Telent Technology Services Limited</p> <p>Lot 7 - Tree Surveys and Inspections</p> <p>Treework Services Ltd UA-5 Ltd AAT Tree Services and Consultancy</p> <p>Lot 8 - Tree Works</p> <p>AAT Tree Services and Consultancy R F Gardiner Ltd Chris Arnold Tree Surgery</p>
Reasons for decision:	The creation of a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework forms part of the Client’s mixed economy for the delivery of highways and public realm services and works. The framework provides the Council with access to a range of contractors to undertake projects associated with Department for Transport Highway Maintenance Block funding, Local Transport Grant funding or other such sources, as well as being used for other schemes funded from s106 or through Council capital and revenue finance.
Equality Considerations	None identified.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Financial Implications</p> <p>The creation of a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework provides the Council with a straightforward way of awarding works to a range of contractors on a value for money basis to enable the delivery of projects.</p>

	<p>Risk Management</p> <p>The creation of a framework has contributed to minimising risks associated with procurement delay, supply chain resilience whilst demonstrating competition and value for money for the public purse.</p> <p>Legal Implications</p> <p>A procurement process to create a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework was conducted between January and March 2026 in accordance with the Council’s Contracts Procedure Rules.</p> <p>The framework will be operated under the NEC4 Framework Contract arrangements with appropriate NEC4 Contracts used for the delivery of individual schemes.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>The proposal to create a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework was considered to provide the Council with a straightforward way of awarding works on a value for money basis and that may attract more local suppliers. The establishment of a framework was considered to allow for rapid procurement of contractors, rather than having to procure on a project by project basis.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None.</p>