

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Award of Contract for Highway Sideways Coefficient Routine Investigation machine (SCRIM) Survey for 2026
Date of decision:	21st May 2026
Decision maker:	Major Contracts Programme Director – Economy & Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>A Cabinet Member decision was taken on 10th March 2026 to confirm the Public Realm Services Annual Plan –2026/27</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>d) the Major Contracts Programme Director is authorised to spend the Department for Transport Highway Maintenance Block (Baseline) and Highway Maintenance Block (Incentive) Local Highways Maintenance Funding Allocations for 2026/27 of £23.697m in accordance with the Highway Asset Management Plan and Highway Maintenance Plan and.</p> <p>(e) the Major Contracts Programme Director be authorised to spend the Highways Infrastructure Investment, Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways, Public Rights of Way, Ash Die Back and Play Area Investment Council capital budget of £13.985m as detailed in Table 1 and.</p> <p>Full details of the decision taken can be seen at the following link:</p> <p>Decision - Public Realm Services Annual Plan –2026/27 - Herefordshire Council</p>
Ward:	Countywide.
Consultation:	The Commercial Team were consulted prior to issuing the Invitation to Quote.
Decision made:	To award a contract to WDM Ltd to the value of £15,544.56.
Reasons for decision:	<p>In order to work to the Council’s Skid Resistance Policy.</p> <p>The undertaking of SCRIM surveys in Herefordshire will be in both directions on 100% of the of the A road network and in both directions on a small percentage of the B road network.</p> <p>This data will be fed into the resurfacing/surfacing dressing programmes where applicable to mitigate the risk of wet skidding accidents on Herefordshire’s surveyed network.</p>
Equality Considerations	None.

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The cost of the survey is £15,544.56. Sufficient budget is allocated within the Highways Maintenance Block funding allocation.</p> <p>Risk Management:</p> <p>The surveys will minimize the risk on the network in identifying deficient areas in need of intervention.</p> <p>Legal Implications:</p> <p>Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 imposes a statutory duty on the local highway authority to maintain the publicly maintained highway; the surveys support the statutory function.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Not to undertake the surveys. This will restrict the Council's ability to prioritise maintenance work based on need, this option has been discounted.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>None</p>

Signed: Date: 21st May 2026