

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Award of contract for pre surface dressing patching works of various sites – Works Order 43
Date of decision:	20 th May 2026
Decision maker:	Major Contracts Programme Director – Economy & Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	A Cabinet Member decision was taken on 10th March 2026 to confirm the Public Realm Services Annual Plan –2026/27 Recommendation(s): 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; (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; Full details of the decision taken can be seen at the following link: Decision - Public Realm Services Annual Plan –2026/27 - Herefordshire Council
Ward:	Countywide.
Consultation:	As part of the development of the annual plan an engagement event was held for members and Town/Parish Councils on 12th February 2026. To ensure that there is continuous opportunity to discuss the annual plan over the course of the year, quarterly meetings are typically scheduled, and which allow for their knowledge and understanding, as well as confidence in dealing with highway related matters, to be increased. Given the above, it was agreed by Group Leaders that a Political Group Consultation was not required for this report. Ward Members and Parish Councils will be informed of works that are to take place in their area.
Decision made:	To award a contract (Works Order 43) to Tarmac Trading Ltd using the Council's Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework, to the initial value of £431,019.56 for surface dressing preparation works and 10% contingency on various classifications of roads across the county, as set out in Appendix 1.

Reasons for decision:	In order to deliver the investment as set out in the Cabinet Member Decision Report, the Council needs to award a contract to a contractor for pre-surface dressing patching work. As part of a mixed economy model, the council operates its own highways and public realm schemes framework, which offers a pre-competed, compliant way of commissioning works quickly and efficiently with direct award and mini-competition provisions. A new framework has been established for use for 2026-2030 and will include the ability to undertake general civil engineering works, resurfacing, surface dressing and other thin surface treatment works, structures schemes, traffic signal improvement and maintenance works, tree surveys and inspections and tree works. As part of the new Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework (2026-2030), Tarmac Trading Limited were awarded the Lot 3 Surfacing Schemes framework contract to deliver schemes as required by the council.																
Equality Considerations	This work being carried out is founded on the guidance set out in Well Managed Highway Infrastructure: A Code of Practice. When considering the highway network hierarchy in Herefordshire the presence of community, medical or educational facilities are considered as part of the usage consideration ensuring that highway corridors to these facilities are afforded more priority. As a result, the selection of roads for investment as part of this decision 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:	Finance: A total budget of £4.4m has been allocated to this project with £3.2m already committed/spent. As a result of this decision, a further £431,019.56 with a £43,101.95 contingency will be allocated. <table><tr><td>Budget Name</td><td>Total Works Budget</td><td>Contract Works Value</td><td>Cost Code</td></tr><tr><td>Works</td><td>£1.0m</td><td>£431,019.56</td><td>CM7396 CAP7396</td></tr><tr><td>Contingency</td><td></td><td>£43,101.95</td><td>CM7396 CAP7396</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td>£474,121.51</td><td></td></tr></table>	Budget Name	Total Works Budget	Contract Works Value	Cost Code	Works	£1.0m	£431,019.56	CM7396 CAP7396	Contingency		£43,101.95	CM7396 CAP7396	Total		£474,121.51	
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	Risk Management: 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. 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 between January and March 2026 in accordance with the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules. The framework will be operated under the NEC4 Framework Contract arrangements with appropriate NEC4 Contracts used for the delivery of individual schemes.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	That this additional investment is not made and the Council continues to maintain Herefordshire's highways in accordance with sound asset management practices but wholly within the maintenance allocations and grant funding made available by Central Government.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

Date: 20th May 2026

Appendix 1 – List of roads identified for pre-surface dressing patching works

- A480 - Rbt towards Wyevale
- B4348 - Alma Cottage to Kingstone
- C1101 - Parks Lane, Brinsop
- C1199 - Eaton Bishop