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**UPDATE ON MAJOR TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

At a full council meeting today (Friday 12 July 2019), I announced that a decision will be taken shortly in relation to major transport infrastructure projects, including the Hereford bypass (as part of Hereford Transport Package) and Southern Link Road (as part of South Wye Transport Package).

A forthcoming decision notice has been published on the council's website confirming the intention for the cabinet member for infrastructure and transport, Cllr John Harrington, to take a decision in relation to these projects and the options as to whether to continue with progression of the schemes, pause and review the schemes or cancel them. A cabinet member decision report will be published setting out the matters being considered. The decision is scheduled to be taken within the next two weeks and will be subject to the council's governance processes.

Since the election, the new cabinet and I have been reflecting on these schemes and taking time to understand all the issues, whether the current schemes provide value for money and solve the problems that they are intended to solve, and whether additional evidence might be required. We are also mindful of the pressing issue of the climate emergency.

Thank you for your understanding while we take the time to consider these decisions which are extremely important and will affect not only our lives but those of generations to come.

You will find further information about the forthcoming decision on the council's website at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk) by searching forthcoming decisions and then clicking on the decisions and documents tab.



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