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## Local Drainage Fund and Public Rights of Way Grant Schemes

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To Lengthsman <Lengthsman@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Dear Clerk,

We hope that you are well.

As you will be aware, we launched the Local Drainage Fund and the Public Rights of Way grant scheme this year for Parish and Town Councils. Alongside the Lengthsman scheme, both the Local Drainage Fund and the Public Rights of Way grant scheme play an important part of a wider highways investment programme which totals over £38 million and which has seen us invest in resurfacing, drainage, highways infrastructure and routine operational maintenance during 2024/25.

Both the Local Drainage Fund and Public Rights of Way grant schemes received considerable interest and we would like to thank you once again for taking the time and effort to submit your applications and for your ongoing efforts in delivering these works.

We have received a number of requests for the March 2025 deadline for completion of works to be extended for both the Local Drainage Fund and Public Rights of Way grant schemes and having discussed this matter with finance colleagues we can confirm the following:

### Local Drainage Fund

The deadline for any works under this scheme will be extended from the end of March 2025 to the end of June 2025 to allow additional time for delivery. If you do complete any works during 2024/25 then we would ask that invoices are received by the Council prior to the end of April 2025 to allow for payment in the correct financial year.

### Public Rights of Way Grant

Due to the recent unfavourable weather and the impact this had on access to land for work, the deadline for this scheme will be extended to the end of June 2025. If you do complete any works during 2024/25 then we would ask that invoices are received by the Council prior to the end of April 2025 to allow for payment in the correct financial year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to confirm that we are working on a revised version of the Parish Footpath Officer documentation that was previously shared with Parish and Town Councils and we will re-issue this alongside information for the 2025/26 Lengthsman Scheme early in the new year.

Once again thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

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