

Five companies have been shortlisted, Balfour Beatty, Griffiths, Ringway, Skanska and Volker Highways. The contract will be awarded in the Autumn of 2018.

The current highways provider Amey will continue to deliver highway services in the county until the end of March 2019.

The lengthsman service for minor works will continue as will the highways local scheme where an additional £10K will be given to each county councillor to spend on improving highways in their area.

The Growing Our Communities Fund will also provide each county councillor £30K over three years to spend on community projects which can include roads, giving councillors the flexibility to spend money where their area needs it.

A fund of £50K will be provided into a targeted period poverty programme working with health partners to distribute sanitary products to the most vulnerable women.

There will also be an investment of £470K for electric vehicle charging points throughout the county.