

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member environment

Title	Warm Homes: Local Grant
Decision maker	Cabinet member environment Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	17 April 2025
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	The report seeks approval for the Council to accept the Warm Homes: Local Grant (WH:LG) capital funding of approx. £2,485,440 via the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Shropshire Council as the lead Local Authority. Herefordshire Council will join a small consortium with Shropshire and Telford Local Authorities. This funding will be used to enable an estimated 200 fuel poor households across Herefordshire to be supported with home energy efficiency and renewable heating measures.
Decision	That: a) Approval is given for the acceptance and expenditure of the full

	<p>allocation Warm Homes: Local Grant awarded to Herefordshire of approx. £2,485,440 capital and £372,816 revenue funding and any additional funding if granted 2025/26;</p> <p>b) The Section 151 Officer adds the allocated grant to the capital programme and accept any additional Warm Homes: Local Grant funding should it be granted;</p> <p>c) The Council signs a back-to-back Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Councils with Shropshire signing the main MoU as the Consortium lead; and</p> <p>d) The Service Director for Growth be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement recommendation a).</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50050318</p>
Options considered	<p>Not to accept or part accept the grant funding. This is not recommended as this would make it difficult for Herefordshire fuel poor households to receive support at the levels stated within the bid, as other funding streams alone are likely to result in significant funding shortfalls for fuel poor households. This will result in a risk of not achieving the council's strategic objectives within the Herefordshire Council Plan 2024 – 2028 and will not make progress towards the Council's 2030 net zero carbon ambition for the county.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	N/A
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	25 April 2025

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member environment (Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst)</p>	<p>Date 17 April 2025</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.