

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing

Title	Herefordshire Homeless Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026 - 2031
Decision maker	Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing 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	30 March 2026
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	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.
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	This is a five year statutory strategy to replace the 2020-2025 strategy. It sets out our approach to the prevention of homelessness and rough sleeping in the county.
Decision	That: (a) the Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026 – 2031 at appendix 1 be approved. (b) The homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026 – 2031 Delivery Action Plan at appendix 2 be approved. (c) That approval of any operational amendments to the delivery plan are delegated to the Corporate Director Community Wellbeing.

Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50054019
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) National Ending Homelessness Strategy, published December 2025, requires all local authorities to update their existing strategies to homelessness and rough sleeping strategies. From 31st December 2025 housing authorities are required to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. make available their strategies online and submit them to MHCLG and; b. publish annual action plans. 2. Not to adopt a Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026 – 2031 and linked delivery action plan for Herefordshire. This is not recommended as these are statutory documents, which requires updating in accordance with the Homelessness Act 2002 and the MHCLG National Plan to End Homelessness Strategy 2025. Also not approving this strategy will have an impact upon the funding provided by Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government being drawn down in years two and three. (see finance section)
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	7 April 2026

Councillor:	Date 30 March 2026
Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing (Councillor Carole Gandy)	

- 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.