

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

Title	Local Authority Housing Fund Round 4 - Grant Acceptance
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	13 May 2026
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	To accept a capital grant of £2,899,500 and a revenue grant of £22,548 and to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which sets out the agreed working relationship between Herefordshire Council and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government regarding the administration and delivery of the fourth round of the Local Authority Housing Fund – (LAHF 4).
Decision	That: a) The capital grant of £2,899,500 and revenue grant of

	<p>£22,548 from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in respect of the Local Authority Housing Fund Round 4 (LAHF 4) is accepted.</p> <p>b) Acceptance of any further funding through this, or any further rounds, of the Local Authority Housing Fund is delegated to the Corporate Director Community Wellbeing in consultation with the Section 151 Officer.</p> <p>c) Authority is delegated to the Corporate Director, Community Wellbeing to take all operational decisions in relation to delivering recommendation (a) and delivery of projects in relation to any further rounds of the Local Authority Housing Fund including authority to enter into associated grant acceptance documentation and related contracts.</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/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50054692</p>
Options considered	<p>1. Not to accept the funding. This is not recommended as the council has a statutory duty prevent homelessness and where homelessness does occur, to provide accommodation for households in housing need.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	19 May 2026

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing (Councillor Carole Gandy)</p>	<p>Date 13 May 2026</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.