

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Food Waste Collection Implementation
Decision maker	Cabinet 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 July 2026
Report exemption class	Part exempt
Reason for being a key decision	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.
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	Following the successful award and mobilisation of the new recyclables and waste collection service, Cabinet resolved to approve the introduction of the new food waste collections scheme in May 2025. This report recommends the optimal approach to implementing this scheme and sets out the rationale for this recommendation against other potential options.
Decision	That: a) Cabinet approves the commencement of a new food waste collection service from September 2027 as a countywide service implementation; b) Cabinet authorises the revenue expenditure detailed in paragraphs 49 and 50 to mobilise the service, c) Cabinet authorises the capital expenditure detailed in in paragraphs 43 and 50, to purchase and deliver the new food containers and caddy liners and to undertake the required depot improvements works; d) Cabinet delegate all operational decisions to implement the above recommendations to the Chief Operating Officer - Economy and Environment.

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=50055288
Options considered	1. Phased roll-out moving from initial service delivery across urban areas to full-service delivery across the whole county, with four tranches covering 14 months - this is not recommended primarily due to this approach resulting in a higher cost. 2. Countywide implementation of the food waste collection service, with collections commencing at an alternative time to the recommendation. Other dates within the financial year 2027/28 have been considered for first collections but the recommendation has been chosen due to the best combination of benefits and reduced draw backs across a number of metrics as highlighted in this report, and best possible fit with the legislative deadline.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	No declaration of interest.
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	5 August 2026

Councillor: Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)	Date 30 July 2026
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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.