

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member culture and environment

Title	Adoption of Herefordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Decision maker	Cabinet member culture and 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	14 August 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	To adopt the Herefordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
Decision	That the cabinet member: a) Authorises the submission of the LNRS to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; b) Delegates authority to the Head of Environment to approve any modifications as may be required by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; c) Approves the LNRS adoption and publication; and d) Delegate all operational authority to the Head of Environment to defray the ‘delivery body transition grant’ of £135,500, and future grant funding, in line with

	the grant conditions, to deliver outcomes of the LNRS.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50053045
Options considered	Not to approve this strategy. This is not recommended as the LNRS is a statutory requirement for Herefordshire Council as a designated responsible authority.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	20 August 2026

Councillor: Cabinet member culture and Environment (Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst)	Date 14 August 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;

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- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.