

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Herefordshire's 2026-27 Section 75 agreement
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	24 September 2026
Report exemption class	Open
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. 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 approve a new Better Care Fund Section 75 Partnership Agreement between Herefordshire Council and NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2030, following agreement of the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial schedules and partner contributions.
Decision	That Cabinet: a) Approves the Section 75 Partnership Agreement between Herefordshire Council and NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2030;

	b) Approves the pooled budget arrangements and financial contributions for 2025/26 and 2026/27 between Herefordshire Council and NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board, as detailed within the agreement and associated schedules; c) Authorises the Corporate Director Community Wellbeing to take all operational decisions necessary to finalise, implement and manage the agreement.
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?Id=50055576
Options considered	It is a national requirement that the Better Care Fund is transferred into one or more pooled funds established under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006. The Council and NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board are required to have an agreement in place to support the delivery of integrated health and adult social care services. There is, therefore, no alternative to having a Section 75 agreement in place.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	30 September 2026

Councillor: Councillor Lester, (Leader of the Council)	Date 24 September 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.