

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION  
CABINET**

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>AUDIT OF LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, DW Rule MBE (Deputy Leader), RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.
Date of Decision:	26th October 2006
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To report the outcome from the recent Audit of the Herefordshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) undertaken by Audit Commission.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT the Herefordshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) Audit Report be noted.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Audit Commission is undertaking high-level audits of each Local Authority holding a LAA. A number of Local Authorities with LAAs have already been audited, and the remainder will be audited over the coming months. It is expected that Audits will be taking place on a regular basis to ensure that financial, performance management and accountability structures and procedures are in place.</li> <li>2. The Audit Commission discussed the remit of the Audit with Government Office West Midlands to ensure that the Audit complemented and did not duplicate the six-month Review of the Local Area Agreement. This was agreed in advance by Herefordshire Council and Government Office West Midlands.</li> </ol>
Options Considered:	There are no alternative options.
Declaration of Interest:	None.

**COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:**..... Date: 26th October 2006  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**