WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	SCHOOL TRANSPORT		
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule MBE (Deputy Leader), RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.		
Date of Decision:	14th Dec 2006		
Exempt:	No -		
Confidential	No		
Urgent Decision:	No		
Purpose:	This report answers the request to assess the impact of the introduction of charges for those pupils admitted to year 7 in St. Mary's RC High School and The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat High School in September 2006 and secondly to inform Cabinet of proposals within the Education and Inspections Act 2006.		
Decision:	THAT (a) to note the introduction of charges has had no discernible impact on the popularity nor mix of students attending the two aided high schools; and		
	(b) to note the Education and Inspections Act 2006 has no clauses which would improve support for, or make radical changes to the transport arrangements for pupils in Herefordshire.		
Reasons for the Decision:	To advise Cabinet of the impact of the introduction of charges.		
Options Considered:	There are no alternative options		
Declaration of Interest:			

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:	Date:	14th Dec 2006
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		