

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

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL SERVICES IN LEDBURY LINKING TO A LIBRARY BIG LOTTERY APPLICATION</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), PJ Edwards, DW Rule MBE (Deputy Leader), RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.
Date of Decision:	8th February 2007
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To give an overview of schemes in Ledbury that will inform the way forward in developing new facilities in the town.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>the schemes be noted;</b></li> <li>b) <b>an outline application be submitted for Big Lottery Fund by March 2007 to support the library element of an integrated centre incorporating Info (customer services) and provision for young people; and</b></li> <li>c) <b>as a starting point to preparing the bid a Consultation Partnership Board be established to oversee the project.</b></li> </ul>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>There are a number of proposed projects for Ledbury which will enhance the facilities provision in the town. These cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enhancement of Info Shop at the Masters House</li> <li>○ New Children’s Centre</li> <li>○ Developments of the Masters House with Ledbury and District Development Trust</li> <li>○ Relocation of the Tourist Information Centre</li> <li>○ Improve library provision to meet modern requirements of library service and meet DDA compliance</li> </ul> <p>These schemes are outlined below, and will contribute to the following outputs and outcomes for people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Percentage of Herefordshire residents who find it easy to access a library / cultural and recreation</li> </ul>

	<p>facilities (LAA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Percentage of 11-15 year olds participating in activities (LAA)</li> <li>○ Percentage of residents with access to communication facilities</li> <li>○ Percentage of adults who use culture and leisure facilities (LAA)</li> <li>○ Number of visits to libraries per 1000 population (BVPI)</li> <li>○ Satisfaction with libraries (BVPI)</li> <li>○ Quality of life aspects for community activity, activities for teenagers, cultural facilities and facilities for young children (LAA)</li> <li>○ Residents who are satisfied with their local community as a place to live (LAA and LPSA2)</li> </ul>
Options Considered:	The alternative option is to maintain the status quo in all areas. This will save expenditure on capital schemes, but would not increase performance.
Declaration of Interest:	None.

<p><b>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:</b>..... Date:... 8th February 2007....  <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p>
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