

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

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>SMOKEFREE HEREFORDSHIRE</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule MBE (Deputy Leader), RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.
Date of Decision:	22nd February 2007
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To note the changes made by the Health Act 2006 that will mean that from 1st of July 2007 virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England will become smokefree, and approve the activities of the Council and its partners in the Smoke free Herefordshire Partnership in ensuring compliance by businesses and the population of Herefordshire.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT the action plan and funding for raising awareness and enforcement of the Smokefree England legislation be approved.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	The Health Act 2006 imposes new duties on local authorities to enforce the Act and its regulations. The regulations relating to enclosed public places and workplaces will take effect in July 2007 and every person and every business will be affected. It is imperative that the Council enforce this new piece of legislation, but it is also important that everyone knows about it and is prepared for the changes in order to obtain effective compliance.
Options Considered:	There are no Alternative Options.
Declaration of Interest:	None.

**COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:**..... Date: 22nd February 2007  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**