

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

ITEM:	HEREFORDSHIRE CONNECTS PROGRAMME UPDATE
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	7th June 2007
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the progress made in the contract negotiation and due diligence period following identification in April of Deloitte as preferred supplier for the Herefordshire Connects Programme.
Decision:	<p>THAT (a) Cabinet notes progress made in contract negotiation;</p> <p>(b) Cabinet, in endorsing the above recognises that detailed negotiations continue to be progressed and accepts that the Cabinet Member (Resources) and the Cabinet Member (Corporate & Customer Services and Human Resources), and the Leader should exercise jointly their powers in the constitution to authorise the completion of the master agreement subject to satisfactory conclusion of contract negotiations and due diligence; and</p> <p>(c) Cabinet receives a further progress report, including highlight programme plan, in July.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	To note progress with this phase of the Herefordshire Connects Programme, and to make arrangement to enable the master agreement to be completed.
Options Considered:	N/A
Declaration of Interest:	None.

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:..... Date:.... 7th June 2007....
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL