

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	BRILLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	16th August 2007
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards	
The item was included in the Forward Plan.	
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To consider the response on the consultation on the proposal to close Brilley Church of England Primary School with effect from 31 st August 2007.
Decision:	THAT Brilley Church of England Primary School close on 31st August 2007
Reasons for the Decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no pupils on roll at the school at present. • At the end of the spring term parents voted to transfer the pupils to another school. • In future there is no prospect of a greater number of children wishing to attend the school. • There have been no objections to the statutory notice to close the school.
Options Considered:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keeping the school open. At present Brilley Primary School exists in legal terms, but without any pupils. Staff have been given notice. It is possible for Cabinet to decide not to close the school but this would be perverse in the absence of any pupils. 2. Making Different Alternative Provision. The alternative schools of Eardisley and Kington have been chosen because of their geographical position in relation to the existing catchment area, and the fact that they are in the same partnership area of Kington Lady Hawkins High

	School. Other schools could be considered, e.g. Clifford but geography and different feeder high schools suggests this would give rise to more problems.
Declaration of Interest:	Councillor RJ Phillips declared a personal interest
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	23rd August 2007

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPSDate: 16th August 2007 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Children's Services Scrutiny Committee:	Decision not called-in.
Subject to Call-in:	
If yes was the decision modified?	
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
Date original decision took effect:	