

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

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME RULE OF 85 PROTECTIONS – RESPONSE TO STATUTORY CONSULTATION</b>
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:	20th September 2007
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To endorse the proposed response to the statutory consultation being undertaken by the Communities and Local Government (CLG) Department to extend the current protections in place for the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in England and Wales. This would affect older Scheme members following the removal of the rule of 85 with effect from 1st October, 2006.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT the response to the statutory consultation be endorsed.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	To provide a prompt and comprehensive response to the statutory consultation exercise in order to influence the proposals and ensure that Herefordshire Council retains a LGPS that is affordable to Herefordshire, as well as remaining valued by current and prospective employees.
Options Considered:	An alternative option is not to respond. This is not a recommended action as it is important that the views of all employers are made known to the CLG and inform the final decision making process.
Declaration of Interest:	RJ Phillips – personal interest.

<b>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:</b> .....	Date: 20th September 2007
<b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>	