

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

ITEM:	LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT PRIORITY SETTING
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:	11th October 2007
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To note the process of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) “super-refresh” and endorse the preliminary list of key priorities in appendix 1.
Decision:	THAT (a) the Local Area Agreement super refresh process, timetables and opportunities to input be noted; and (b) the list of key priorities for consultation purposes be noted.
Reasons for the Decision:	To ensure that Cabinet is central to the LAA “super-refresh” process and have opportunity to input to its development. Herefordshire Council is the accountable body for the LAA and Cabinet needs to be involved in the decision-making process as it progresses. The LAA is also expected to be a central feature of the Comprehensive Area Assessment. Funding channelled through the LAA Single Pot is likely to increase substantially, and the management of the funding will be through Herefordshire Council as the accountable body, with decision making abilities via the Local Strategic Partnership (Herefordshire Partnership).
Options Considered:	There are no Alternative Options.
Declaration of Interest:	

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:..... Date: 11th October 2007
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL