

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	BLUESCHOOL HOUSE
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:	Yes
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure above agreed budgets for the service or function (shown as a line in the budget book) to which the decision relates but allowing for virements between budget heads and savings within budget heads of up to £500,000</p>	
<p>A notice was served in accordance with section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulation 2000</p>	
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To seek approval for acquisition of the freehold property of Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2LX.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>Subject to written confirmation of Advantage West Midlands (AWM) funding, the Council undertake to purchase and manage Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford, in line with existing policies and AWM monitoring requirements.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>Blueschool House is a critical element of the proposed Civic Quarter of the Edgar Street Grid development, occupying an important frontage to the Grid site and with the potential to become an iconic and visionary property, exemplifying the intentions of ESG Herefordshire Ltd. The proposed Civic Quarter will primarily be a Public Sector led development and the purchase is recommended as the property lies within the boundaries of this development area. Its acquirement will contribute greatly towards the construction of the land portfolio required to progress the Civic Quarter development site.</p>
Options Considered:	Exempt.

Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	18th October 2007

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPSDate: 11th October 2007 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
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To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Environment Scrutiny Committee:	None received
Subject to Call-in:	Not applicable
If yes was the decision modified?	Not applicable
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	Not applicable
Date original decision took effect:	18 October 2007