

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS
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:	13th December 2007
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards</p>	
<p>It was not included in the Forward Plan however inclusion in the agenda gives the required notice in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000.</p>	
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To make comment on the proposed changes to the number and locations of polling stations in Herefordshire.
Decision:	<p>THAT</p> <p>(a) the existing arrangement of polling districts and polling places remain unchanged;</p> <p>(b) the Returning Officer’s recommendations as indicated in Appendix 2 (Changes to Polling Stations) be not approved and Appendix 3 (No changes to Polling Stations) be approved; and</p> <p>(c) the review of Polling Stations be revisited and a further consultation to take place before March 2008 with a report to Cabinet with the Returning Officer’s recommendations in April 2008.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>The Electoral Administration Act 2006 (EAA 2006) requires that relevant authorities conduct a review of all polling districts and polling places by the end of 2007 and that a further review be conducted every four years thereafter.</p> <p>The Returning Officer must make representations to the relevant authority as to the location of existing or proposed stations.</p> <p>The authority must publish the Returning Officer’s comments</p>

	within 30 days of receipt.
Options Considered:	There are no Alternative Options. The review is required by legislation.
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	20th December 2007

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPSDate: 13th December 2007 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

<p>To be completed by officer:</p>	
<p>Date consent received from Chairman of Strategic Monitoring Committee Scrutiny Committee:</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in:</p>	<p>Not called in</p>
<p>If yes was the decision modified?</p>	
<p>If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:</p>	
<p>Date original decision took effect:</p>	