

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	WYEBRIDGE ACADEMY - STATUTORY NOTICES
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JG Jarvis, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	28 February 2008
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>A notice was served in accordance with section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulation 2000</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To authorise the publication of statutory notices instigating formal consultation over the proposal to create an Academy at Wyebridge Sports College.
Decision:	<p>THAT</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) the issue of statutory notices to enable the opening of an Academy at Wyebridge Sports College for 900 students aged 11-16 on 1 September 2008, and post-16 provision for 220 students at the start of the academic year following completion of the new building be authorised; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) a further report be made to Cabinet on 27 March 2008.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The Secretary of State will not give final approval to the creation of an academy until the statutory process required for the formal closure of the existing school and opening of the academy have been undertaken. The fact that the two notices are dependent on each other does make this a necessary procedural exercise.
Options Considered:	The Local Authority could withdraw its support for the academy proposal as a whole. This would jeopardise the very real achievement that Wyebridge Sports College has made in recent years and leave the future of high school provision in the South

	Wye area uncertain.
Declaration of Interest:	Councillor ACR Chappell declared a personal interest in Wyebridge Academy
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	6 March 2008

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPSDate: 28 February 2008 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in
Was the decision modified?	No
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
If no any comment(s) to be noted	
Date original decision took effect:	28 February 2008