

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	STAUNTON ON WYE PRIMARY SCHOOL; REPLACEMENT AIDED SCHOOL PROJECT
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis.
Date of Decision:	27 March 2008
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards	
The item was included in the Forward Plan.	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	Cabinet to approve the provision of a new build replacement school for Staunton on Wye.
Decision:	THAT Cabinet supports the Governors' project to provide a new school building for 70 pupils in Staunton on Wye.
Reasons for the Decision:	In 2000 the Department for Children, Schools and Families (then DfES) made a grant available to the Trustee Governors of this aided school to meet 90% of the net costs of new accommodation. This grant is dependent on the Local Authority supporting the scheme. The Department for Children, Schools and Families require an explicit expression of support from the Local Authority before 31 March 2008. Otherwise they will withdraw their offer, and place the resources back into the national fund used to fund aided schools across the country.
Options Considered:	If the Cabinet does not make clear a decision to support the project to provide new accommodation before 31 March 2008, the DCSF will withdraw the funding on offer. The alternative option is to maintain the school in its existing building, but this does not provide accommodation fit for 21 st Century teaching and learning, and would require high levels of maintenance monies, and continuing monitoring of the health and safety situation

Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	3 April 2008

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPSDate: 27 March 2008 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
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To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Children’s Services 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:	