

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JG Jarvis, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	10 April 2008
Exempt:	No
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>The item was included in the Forward Plan.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To agree the Performance Indicators to be included in the final Local Area Agreement (LAA) super refresh document.
Decision:	THAT the proposed list of Indicators included in the LAA be supported.
Reasons for the Decision:	To ensure that Cabinet is included in the LAA super refresh process, and has the opportunity to contribute to its development, agree the Story of Place, Priorities and Performance Indicators. Herefordshire Council is the accountable body for the LAA and will have a key leadership role in ensuring its successful delivery. The LAA will also be an essential feature in the Comprehensive Area Assessment. The new Area Based Grant (expected to be in the region of £8.88m in 2008/09) will be paid to Herefordshire Council as the accountable body, with decision making processes and performance monitoring going through the Local Strategic Partnership (The Herefordshire Partnership), and relevant statutory/themed Partnerships as specified in National Guidance. There is an indication that there maybe a Reward Grant paid at the end of the 3 years based on achievements against targets.
Options Considered:	There are no Alternative Options as the Council will not be able to access the £8.8m available through the LAA. There is also a legal requirement that all Councils enter into LAA's to identify priorities and objectives for delivery and benefit of the people of

	Herefordshire.
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	17 April 2008

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS	Date: 10 April 2008
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	

<p>To be completed by officer:</p>	
<p>Date consent received from Chairman of the Strategic Monitoring Scrutiny Committee:</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in:</p>	<p>This Decision was not called in OR This Decision was called in on DATE by Councillors NAME, NAME and NAME The call in meeting of theScrutiny Committee was held on DATE</p>
<p>Was the decision modified?</p>	<p>Yes/No</p>
<p>If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:</p>	
<p>If no any comment(s) to be noted</p>	
<p>Date original decision took effect:</p>	<p>DAY AFTER SCRUTINY MEETING</p>