

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	PRIMARY STRATEGY FOR CHANGE
Members Present:	Councillors: LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, PD Price, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	10 July 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:	To approve a Strategy to shape capital investment in Primary Schools in Herefordshire over the next 14 years, and to determine priorities over the next 2 years.
Decision:	<p>THAT (a) The Primary Strategy for Change document be approved for submission to the Department for Children, Schools and Families;</p> <p>(b) Further work takes place in consultation with Leominster Infant and Junior Schools on the siting, design, and future organisation prior to a final decision from the DCSF; and</p> <p>(c) A match funding budget of £250,000 in 2009/10 and in 2010/11 be established.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Local Authorities are required by the DCSF to prepare a Primary Strategy for Change before Central Government release capital resources for spending in 2009/10 and 2010/11. 2. To enable the capital expenditure to be made over these 2 years, preparatory work is needed. 3. To spread the benefit to other schools.

Options Considered:	The Strategy could be amended or withdrawn. DCSF will not release the £8,300,000 capital investment to Herefordshire until the Primary Strategy for Change is presented to and approved by them. Other priorities could be chosen. Some additional work and therefore delay would be incurred in working up these proposals.
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	17 July 2008

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPSDate: 10 July 2008 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

<p>To be completed by officer:</p>	
<p>Date consent received from Chairman of Children’s Services 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>