

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION  
CABINET**

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT - JOINT INSPECTORATE PROPOSALS AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR HEREFORDSHIRE'S PREPARATIONS</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), PD Price, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	2 October 2008
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To inform Cabinet of the detailed proposals for the new system of Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) and seek agreement to how Herefordshire's preparations should be taken forward.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the development and re-launching of the CAA preparation programme so that all energies are focused on the delivery of the improvement programmes of the Council with the PCT and the wider Herefordshire Partnership, tested against the proposed CAA key questions and lines of enquiry be agreed;</li> <li>(ii) this be buttressed by a rolling programme of self-evaluations against the key questions for the area assessment and the key lines of enquiry for the Council's organisational assessment, updated quarterly, the first cut of which to be produced by November and finalised before the end of December;</li> <li>(iii) the Council's response to the inspectorates' proposals be developed and submitted within the County Councils' Network; and</li> <li>(iv) the final report on the out-going CAA preparation programme be noted.</li> </ul>
Reasons for the Decision:	The Council and its partners must be well-prepared for the new system of CAA.

Options Considered:	Not applicable.
Declaration of Interest:	

<b>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:</b> ..... <b>Date:</b> 2 October 2008 <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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