

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	HEREFORDSHIRE CONNECTS PROGRAMME
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, PD Price, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	20th November, 2008
Exempt:	No -
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because	
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	
The item was included in the Forward Plan.	
IF NO	
A notice was served in accordance with section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulation 2000	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To recommend new systems for an Integrated Support Services ('back office') and a new system for Performance Management and Risk Management, and to address the integration of systems by both recommending a toolset that will integrate systems. To progress the integration of the Social Care Core Logic system with other Council and Primary Care Trust (PCT) systems and note the successful implementation of the new Core Logic system.
Decision:	<p style="text-align: center;">THAT</p> <p>a. Agresso be approved as the preferred technology system for Integrated Support Services (ISS);</p> <p>b. Microsoft be approved as the solution for a toolset for Integration;</p> <p>c. Inphase be approved as the technology system for Performance Management and Risk Management;</p> <p>d. the Interim Deputy Chief Executive be given delegated responsibility to conclude negotiations with Deloitte, within the Framework Agreement between the Council and Deloitte, to plan and commence the implementation</p>

	<p>of these systems by January 2009; and</p> <p>e. the third phase planned for the new Social Care system, Core Logic be approved.</p>
<p>Reasons for the Decision:</p>	<p>The Audit Commission has been maintaining an overview of the council's progress with Herefordshire Connects, and in its Annual Audit & Inspection Letter recommended that before progressing further elements the council take the opportunity ".to re-focus and clarify the purpose, outcomes and actions of Herefordshire Connects. This should include formally considering in a short paper what other options are still open to the council including the costs, benefits and risks of each option. It should also set out how the programme fits with the new joint working arrangements with the Primary Care Trust."</p> <p>Joint Management Team has led an option appraisal with Deloitte, as the Council's strategic partners for Connects, to implement this recommendation and address the current and future impact on service delivery to customers and for staff caused by the pause in implementing the majority of the Connects Programme. The purpose of the option appraisal was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ensure the vision for Herefordshire Connects is fit for purpose both now and for the future; b. update the business cases to take account of current and future needs and identify those benefits already achieved; c. ensure that governance arrangements are robust and appropriate.
<p>Options Considered:</p>	<p>The various technology options have been considered over the past two months as part of the options appraisal.</p>
<p>Declaration of Interest:</p>	
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>26th Nov 2008</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR</p> <p>CABINET</p>	<p>Date: 20th Nov 2008</p>
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<p>To be completed by officer:</p>	
<p>Date consent received from Chairman of 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 the Scrutiny 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>