

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

ITEM:	SWIMMING PROVISION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN HEREFORD CITY
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, PD Price, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	2 April 2009
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To determine the future of the LEA pool and arrangements for school swimming in Hereford. To consider the longer term requirements for swimming across the whole county.
Decision:	THAT: (i) the LEA pool remain permanently closed and disposal of the site be considered as part of the Council's property strategy; (ii) HALO continue to work closely with schools to deliver safe, cost effective, quality assured swimming provision that will enable support achievements of curriculum targets; and (iii) the Council, in partnership with HALO, develop a long term strategy to support the development of swimming provision across the county.
Reasons for the Decision:	There is no viable business case or funding provision to support the re-opening of the LEA pool. To ensure the ongoing viability of existing public swimming facilities in the council, including access for schools provision, a longer term strategy for development will be needed.
Options Considered:	To reopen the LEA pool would be unsustainable in revenue terms and would require significant capital investment.
Declaration of Interest:	

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS: Date: 2 April 2009
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL