

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION
CABINET**

ITEM:	HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITY FOR HEREFORDSHIRE
Members Present:	Councillors: LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, PD Price, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	4 June 2009
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.	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	Cabinet is asked to allocate the Council owned Blackfriars site in Hereford for possible use as a Higher Education (HE) Centre and reserve it for that purpose.
Decision:	THAT: a) The allocation of the Council’s Blackfriars site as a location for a possible Higher Education Centre be approved, and; b) authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of Resources, to finalise arrangements subject to development of a robust business plan.
Reasons for the Decision:	This is normal practice and usually for an external funding bid to be successful there normally needs to be a local public/private/voluntary sector contribution in excess of 50% of the total costs.
Options Considered:	No alternative options have been identified.
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	12 June 2009

<p>COUNCILLOR JP FRENCH:Date: 4 June 2009 DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p>
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To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Strategic Monitoring Committee and Community Services Scrutiny Committee:	No response received.
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in
Was the decision modified?	N/A
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	N/A
If no any comment(s) to be noted	N/A
Date original decision took effect:	N/A