WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	ROOT AND BRANCH REVIEW PROGRAMME
Members Present	Councillors: AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, PM Morgan, RJ Phillips, PD Price (Deputy Leader), DB Wilcox
Date of Decision:	5 April 2012
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	This report provides an update on progress to date on the Root and Branch Review Programme and invites Cabinet to agree the aims, scope and outline methodology for the reviews and that a community consultation exercise is undertaken to inform the Reviews.
Decision:	THAT:
	 a) progress made to date on the Root and Branch Review Programme be noted; b) the Root and Branch Review Programme as set out in the Project Mandate document at Appendix 1 of the Beport be approved; and
	 Report be approved; and c) it be agreed a community engagement exercise be undertaken as outlined in paragraphs 17 to 22 of the report.
Reasons for the Decision:	The recommendations are to ensure that there is a clear understanding of Root and Branch Reviews and for Cabinet to approve the proposed Review Programme, including aims, scope and outline methodology and a supporting community engagement exercise.
Options Considered:	The proposed aims and scope of the Review programme could be changed to reflect other priorities and/or different approaches. However, it is considered that a Root and Branch programme is essential for the future direction of the Council and to address the financial challenges ahead.
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	18 April 2012

COUNCILLOR PD PRICE	Date: 5 April 2012
DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in
Was the decision modified?	Yes/No
If yes Cabinet Member () decision reference:	
If no any comment(s) to be noted	
Date original decision took effect:	18 April 2012