

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	HEREFORDSHIRE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT
Members Present	Councillors: JG Jarvis (Leader), AJM Blackshaw, PM Morgan, RJ Phillips, PD Price (Deputy Leader), DB Wilcox
Date of Decision:	16 April 2012
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve the attached Herefordshire Armed Forces Community Covenant (AFCC) Pledge, Action Plan and delivery arrangements.
Decision:	THAT: the Herefordshire Armed Forces Community Covenant, which incorporates an Action Plan and delivery arrangements (as at Appendix 1 to the report) be approved.
Reasons for the Decision:	Herefordshire is home to the prestigious and world renowned Special Air Service and Council has recently agreed to adopt The Rifles as the county regiment. The Council and its partners already provide varying degrees of support for the Armed Forces Communities but this has not always been in a coordinated or proactive manner. Additionally there is no joined up approach to understanding, integrating or recognising the sacrifices of the county's Armed Forces Community. The AFCC proposes a structured civilian and military partnership approach to addressing these issues.
Options Considered:	The Cabinet could choose not to progress an AFCC for the county however, this could mean that the Armed Services Community in Herefordshire were left less well supported than other parts of the United Kingdom.
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	23 April 2012
COUNCILLOR JG JARVIS: Date: 16 April 2012 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in.
Was the decision modified?	No
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
If no any comment(s) to be noted	
Date original decision took effect:	23 April 2012