

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION

CABINET

ITEM:	ROOT AND BRANCH REVIEWS - PHASE 1
Members Present:	Councillors: JG Jarvis (Leader), H Bramer, RB Hamilton, PM Morgan, RJ Phillips, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader)
Date of Decision:	11 October 2012
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>And/or</p> <p>It is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on-</p> <p>Two or more Wards or electoral divisions;</p> <p>One Ward (unless the number of those affected is very small or it is impractical to treat this as a key decision).</p>	
The item was included in the Forward Plan.	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	<p>This report brings together the findings and proposals of the Phase 1 reviews of the Root and Branch review programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older People in Herefordshire; • Customer Services; • Housing, Economy and Regulatory Services; (HERS) • Herefordshire Streetscene. <p>Cabinet is invited to note the progress of the programme since the last update on 5th April 2012, and to approve the recommendations being put forward by the review.</p>
Decision:	<p>That:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(a) The proposals from the Phase 1 Root and Branch reviews be approved as set out in the Appendices and summarised</p>

	<p>in paragraphs 11-14 of this report;</p> <p>(b) The principles for future service delivery emerging from the Phase 1 reviews be approved as set out in paragraph 17 of the report and be built into the refreshed Corporate Plan and future Root and Branch reviews;</p> <p>(c) The relevant Directors be authorised to jointly produce and implement the programme of Business Case development and Delivery Plans for the four Reviews and report to Cabinet as appropriate;</p> <p>(d) The potential savings opportunities as outlined in paragraph 34 of the report are approved as the basis for further financial modelling; and</p> <p>(e) A further report on progress against implementation targets for the Phase 1 Reviews is submitted to Cabinet alongside the Phase 2 Review output recommendations in April 2013.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>The Root and Branch programme has been agreed by Council as an essential element of our medium term planning, to set the future direction of the Council and to address the financial challenges ahead. The recommendations from the Phase 1 reviews are the first stage in the delivery of this programme.</p> <p>A number of other recommendations are made about our future approach to service delivery, engagement and partnership working which cut across all the reviews so far and the programme as a whole. It is considered that these principles should underpin our future strategy and form an integral part of everything that we do. As such they will form part of the refreshed Corporate Plan.</p>
Options Considered:	<p>Alternative options have been considered as part of the Root and Branch process and the details of individual reviews are summarised in the Appendices. Cabinet may decide to adopt a different approach to the proposals or may wish to identify other courses of action for further analysis.</p>
Conflict of Interest ■ (see below)	

Date the key decision is due to take effect:	18 October 2012
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COUNCILLOR JG JARVIS Date: 11 October 2012 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

- a record of any conflict of interest relating to the matter decided which is declared by any member of the decision-making body which made the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of the 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:	18 October 2012