

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

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| <b>ITEM:</b>  | <b>RISING TO THE CHALLENGE AND ROOT AND BRANCH REVIEW PROGRAMME</b>   |
| Members Present:  | Councillors: JG Jarvis (Leader), H Bramer, RB Hamilton, AW Johnson, PM Morgan, RJ Phillips, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader).  |
| Date of Decision:   | 18 April 2013   |
| Exempt:   | No  |
| A notice was served in accordance with Part 2, Section 5(2) (Procedures prior to private meetings) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. A further notice was served in accordance with Part 2, Section 5(4) of the same Regulations.  |   |
| 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> |   |
| A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.  |   |
| Urgency/Special Urgency:<br>(As defined in Constitution)  | No  |
| Purpose:  | <p>The purpose of this report is for Cabinet to consider the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closure of the Rising to the Challenge Programme</li> <li>• Progress on the implementation of the Root and Branch Reviews</li> <li>• Outstanding actions from the Root and Branch Reviews and proposals for the Herefordshire 2020 Review</li> </ul> |
| <b>Decision:</b>  | <p><b>THAT:</b></p> <p><b>(a) the achievements and lessons learned from the Rising to the Challenge Programme as set out in Appendix One be noted;</b></p>  |

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|   | <p>(b) progress with the implementation of the Root and Branch Reviews as set out in Appendix Two be noted;</p> <p>(c) the relevant Directors be authorised to jointly produce and implement delivery plans for the phase 2 and 3 reviews and report to Cabinet or Cabinet Member(s) as appropriate; and</p> <p>(d) it be agreed that the scope of the Herefordshire 2020 Review be extended to include all remaining work from the review programme as set out in paragraphs 10.8 to 10.14 of the Report.</p> |
| <p>Reasons for the Decision:</p>                    | <p>The recommendations are made to ensure an effective close down of the Rising to the Challenge Programme and to seek Cabinet approval of the outputs and further work from the Root and Branch Review Programme.</p>   |
| <p>Options Considered:</p>                          | <p>The proposals from the Root and Branch Reviews will change to reflect other priorities and/or different approaches as necessary. However, Council has already agreed the savings associated with these as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy. Completion of the programme is essential to set out the future direction of the Council and to address the financial challenges ahead.</p>  |
| <p>Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):</p>          |  |
| <p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p> | <p>25 April 2013</p>   |

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| <p><b>COUNCILLOR JG JARVIS</b> .....</p> <p><b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p> | <p>Date: 18 April 2013</p> |
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■ a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to 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.

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| <b>To be completed by officer:</b>  |                                 |
| Date consent received from Chairman of General Overview and Scrutiny Committee: | No response received            |
| Subject to Call-in:   | This Decision was not called in |
| Was the decision modified?  | No                              |
| If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:                               | N/A                             |
| If no any comment(s) to be noted  | N/A                             |
| Date original decision took effect:   | 25 April 2013                   |