

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL REVIEW
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Millar, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price.
Date of Decision:	23 January 2014
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> <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.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To agree the approach to reducing subsidy and delivering significant savings for passenger transport services over the period 2014/15 and 2015/16.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) the approach to reducing passenger transport subsidy and securing savings of £1M over the period 2014/15 to 2015/16 including a comprehensive review and re-planning of passenger transport services in an integrated way (including the approach to consultation) as outlined in this report be approved; and</p> <p>(b) authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Communities & Corporate, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, to finalise and implement service changes following the public consultation and contract tendering</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The recommendations will contribute towards the council's overall plan to set a balanced budget for 2014/15 and will result

	in further savings in the following financial year.
Options Considered:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An alternative option would be for the council to provide sufficient funding to continue with current levels of service. However, given the overall budget pressures it is acknowledged that this could only be achieved through cuts to other council services. 2. This report sets out a measured approach to secure savings comprising integration of services, commercialisation of currently supported services and reduction in service frequencies. Consultation carried out in development of the Local Transport Plan supported the principle of maintaining a core network of services providing passenger transport between Hereford and the market towns and larger villages. 3. It is unlikely that all savings will be achieved through efficiencies and therefore withdrawal of some services is also likely to be necessary to deliver the full savings requirement. Options for service reduction have been identified through consultation with users and will inform the service review and prior to determining the final network
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	29 January 2014

<p>COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSONDate: 23 January 2014 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</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.