

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>MARCHES LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP: GOVERNANCE</b>
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Millar, GJ Powell, PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	31 July 2014
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve governance arrangements for the joint exercise of executive functions in relation to the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (the LEP).
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT:</b>  <b>(a) the establishment of a joint committee to exercise executive functions in relation to the Marches LEP be approved;</b>  <b>(b) The proposed constitution for the joint committee, as outlined at appendix A, be approved; and</b>  <b>(c) Herefordshire Council provide governance support for the LEP joint arrangements.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	To ensure efficiency, openness, and transparency of decision-making in relation to the LEP.
Options Considered:	Executive decisions could continue to be taken, as currently, by each council separately through their respective governance processes. This option is not recommended as it adds unnecessary bureaucracy and potential delay to decision-making by duplicating process and crucially does not meet the expectation set nationally that authorities must demonstrate how they are operating together to make best use of shared resources and act collectively in the best interests of the LEP area.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	6 August 2014

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**COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON :..... Date: 31 July 2014**  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**


- 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.