

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>HOOPLE</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
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is likely to be significant in terms of its effects 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 consider the future approach to the commissioning of services provided by Hoople
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT:</b></p> <p><b>(a) In considering the need to put in place arrangements for the period beyond the end of the current contract in 2016, the preferred approach to the commissioning of support services be via a Teckal compliant entity operating under control of the council and other shareholders and it's board, subject to these services offering value for money;</b></p> <p><b>(b) A business case and implementation plan be developed, in partnership with Hoople and its board, for the establishment of appropriate legal entities to ensure that the council can continue to procure support services through a company with Teckal status and that a commercial trading company is able to continue to develop wider commercial benefits; and,</b></p> <p><b>(c) The business case and implementation plan required under recommendation (b) be the subject of a further report for consideration and approval by the Cabinet Member Corporate Services.</b></p>

Reasons for the Decision:	<p>Firstly, the recommended approach ensures continued compliance with the European Union (EU) procurement regulations without the costs associated with a major re-procurement exercise. Secondly, the Teckal compliant entity would continue to have its primary focus as providing support services to the shareholders. This will help to ensure that these areas of service are in line with future needs and continue to provide value for money. This is crucial as the council will continue to transform itself and will have constant pressure on resources. Finally, the recommended approach will ensure Hoople continues its commercial development in line with the council's aspiration to support the economic development of Herefordshire.</p>
Options Considered:	<p>A review of potential commissioning options has been undertaken jointly with Hoople. This identified a wide range of alternative options which are outlined within this report. They have been assessed against the key criteria outlined below to determine the recommended approach. Whilst other options could be adopted, they are not recommended as they are not considered to meet the commissioning objectives to the same extent as the recommended option and would lead to higher costs of implementation, which would not represent value for money.</p>
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	6 August 2014

**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.


