

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION
CABINET**

ITEM:	HEREFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT AND BUSINESS PLAN
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Millar, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	9 October 2014
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To inform Cabinet of Herefordshire Safeguarding Children's Board (HSCB) assessment of safeguarding in Herefordshire and of its own effectiveness within the Annual Report 2013-2014 and present to them the finalised Business Plan 2014-2015.
Decision:	<p>THAT CABINET:</p> <p>(a) Noted the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements for children and young people in Herefordshire as assessed by the HSCB;</p> <p>(b) Acknowledged the priorities of HSCB in relation to specific safeguarding issues in Herefordshire;</p> <p>(c) Considered how Herefordshire Council is contributing to service improvement through commissioning within Herefordshire with regard to these safeguarding issues; and</p> <p>(d) Makes any comments to the board about its future work programme.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>To ensure Cabinet is clear about the assessment of the state of safeguarding children in Herefordshire from the perspective of the Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Board and the independent chair.</p> <p>To ensure that Cabinet has oversight of the prioritised development work for Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Board during 2014-2015.</p> <p>To ensure Cabinet is able to make informed decisions with regard to providing and commissioning services for Herefordshire, which support the safeguarding children's agenda.</p>
Options Considered:	This report is to inform and enable Cabinet to consider the HSCB annual report and business plan. The Cabinet could therefore suggest alternative activities for consideration by the

	Board.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	15 October 2014

COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON :..... Date: 9 October 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.