

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	HEREFORD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB (1939) LTD (APPROVAL TO SEEK NEW TENANT AT EDGAR STREET ATHLETIC GROUND, HEREFORD)
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Millar, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	22 January 2015
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 future lease arrangements in relation to the former Hereford United Football Club ground and of land at ground ends.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) the cabinet member contracts and assets be authorised (following consultation with the leader of the council) to seek a new football tenant for the pitch (and such ancillary sports related facilities as he considers appropriate) at the Edgar Street athletics ground through an open public advertisement process and consultation with parties likely to be affected by the decision including as a minimum the Hereford United Supporters' Trust, the Football Association and Sport England);</p> <p>(b) the director for economy, communities and corporate be authorised (following consultation with the assistant director, governance) to grant an initial short term lease to the new football</p>

	<p>tenant on such terms as are appropriate to protect the council and the use of the ground; and</p> <p>(c) the director for economy, communities and corporate submit a further report to Cabinet to recommend longer term arrangements.</p>
<p>Reasons for the Decision:</p>	<p>The premises are now vacant and constitute a liability to the council.</p> <p>The council have identified no operational use for the premises.</p>
<p>Options Considered:</p>	<p>Seek to dispose of the council’s freehold interest in the asset. This would not be in the council’s best interest in the short term as the asset has significant long term value which may be compromised by a freehold disposal at this time and in its present form.</p> <p>Seek to relocate the sports facility having due regard for viable alternatives. This may be a long term option but would need significant consultation and evaluation before any decision is contemplated.</p>
<p>Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):</p>	
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>28 January 2015</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON.....Date: 22 January 2015 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p>

■ 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.