

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

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>STAYING PUT STRATEGY</b>
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Millar, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price.
Date of Decision:	19 March 2015
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve the staying put policy and procedures.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT:</b>  <b>(a) the Staying Put policy and procedures at Appendix A and B are approved and implemented with immediate effect.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	The staying put strategy meets objectives within the Children Act 1989 and the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 to improve the life chances of young people in and leaving local authority care.
Options Considered:	To continue working as we are, whereby young people can remain with foster carers, but this would be under a supported lodging arrangement and does not meet the needs of young people who go into employment at 18. This option would result in Herefordshire Council not being compliant with objectives set out under the Children Act 1989 and the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	25 March 2015

**COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON** : ..... Date: 19 March 2015  
**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.