

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

ITEM:	UNDERSTANDING HEREFORDSHIRE JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Lester, GJ Powell, PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	23 July 2015
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To note and use Understanding Herefordshire as the overall evidence of need to inform business planning, decision-making and commissioning.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) the evidence base be noted (consisting of Understanding Herefordshire and the underpinning data), and used to inform future planning, decision making and commissioning; and</p> <p>(b) the health & wellbeing strategy be noted and published</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	'Understanding Herefordshire' our population needs assessment is produced to ensure that future decisions on service priorities, planning and commissioning are based on what we understand about the key issues and long-term challenges in Herefordshire. It is a resource for use by the public sector, voluntary sector and the independent sector to inform decision making to ensure the needs of the population are responded to. As an evidence base it can be used to inform the process for budget decision making and obtaining funding to meet need in the county (from government, the EU and investment by the private sector in the county).

	<p>We have developed a health and wellbeing strategy based on the needs assessment and through engagement with a wide range of stakeholders and communities we have developed a health and wellbeing strategy. This sets out the vision and strategic direction for public sector partners in collaboration with the independent sector, voluntary sector and communities to improve the health and wellbeing of the population over the next five years. It provides an overarching framework for commissioning and service planning across the local public sector system. The health and wellbeing strategy sets out the vision and the five year approach to providing and commissioning the shared priorities for improving the health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities in the population. It provides an overarching framework for commissioning and service planning across local health, social care and voluntary.</p>
<p>Options Considered:</p>	<p>There are no alternative options to producing Understanding Herefordshire; it incorporates the joint strategic needs assessment which the council has a statutory duty to produce. The Health & Wellbeing Board has been established under the provisions set out in the Health & Social Care Act 2012 and is a key strategic leadership forum that drives ongoing improvements in health and wellbeing across Herefordshire. The Board has a duty to agree and publish a joint health and wellbeing strategy setting out ambitious outcomes for improved health and wellbeing across Herefordshire.</p>
<p>Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)</p>	
<p>Date the decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>30 July 2015</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR A JOHNSON :..... LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p>	<p>Date: 23 July 2015</p>
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- 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.