

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	CORPORATE PROPERTY STRATEGY
Members Present:	Councillors: H Bramer, J Lester, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	11 February 2016
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p>	
<p>Notice has been served in accordance with Part 3, Section 10 (General Exception) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) Regulations 2012.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve the corporate property strategy 2016-2020 and to approve a lease for Elgar House, Hereford.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) the corporate property strategy 2016-2020 attached at appendix 1 be approved and used to guide the development and delivery of the property programme; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) the acquisition of a 10 year lease of the property known as Elgar House, Holmer Road, Hereford, at an annual rent of £87k be approved.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c)</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>The current corporate property strategy covers the period from 2013-2016 and there is, therefore, a need to put in place a strategy for the period 2016-2020. The new strategy reflects the current and planned needs of the organisation, taking into account the new corporate plan.</p> <p>The opportunity to secure a lease on Elgar House will ensure there is suitable office accommodation for the council's planned establishment. Acquisition of this property will give the council enough capacity to allow it to dispose of unsuitable and non-compliant premises. This will provide a working environment that will support more modern and efficient ways of working while costing less than maintaining the current operational estate.</p>

Options Considered:	
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	<p>11 February 2016</p> <p>Under the Council's Constitution – 4.5.17 Limitations of Call Ins – decisions taken under Regulation 10 General Exception are not subject to call in.</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR P MORGAN Date: 11 February 2016 DEPUTY 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.