

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>BUDGET AND CORPORATE PLANNING CONSULTATION</b>
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), PD Price.
Date of Decision:	21 July 2016
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To seek cabinet approval for consulting on plans to reshape the council's services to meet the financial challenge and current budget proposals for future financial years, as well as the draft proposals available to Herefordshire Council as part of the budget setting process for 2017/18 and out to 2020/21.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT:</b> <b>the approach for consulting on plans to meet the financial challenges for the coming 4 years and beyond and the capital programme and budget proposals for 2017/18 and beyond as set out in the report be approved.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	The council has a legal duty to set a balanced budget and full Council is responsible for approving a budget following recommendations from cabinet in line with the budget and policy framework rules within the constitution.  There is a statutory requirement under section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to consult with representatives of business ratepayers on the proposed budget before its adoption.
Options Considered:	It is open to cabinet to amend or revise the proposals, but in doing so regard must be had to ensuring that a medium term financial strategy (MTFS) is available in time for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21 so as to provide a strategic direction for the council.
Conflict of Interest <input type="checkbox"/> (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	27 July 2016

**COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON** ..... Date: 21 July 2016  
**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.