

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	ANNUAL FOSTERING REPORT – APRIL 2015-2016
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, D Harlow, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), P Rone.
Date of Decision:	20 October 2016
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To review fostering service performance and approve related documents.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) the activity, quality and impact of Herefordshire Council’s fostering service as detailed in appendix A to this report be reviewed and any additional actions to support improvement identified;</p> <p>(b) the Herefordshire foster carers charter (appendix B) be approved;</p> <p>(c) the guide for young people that are looked after (appendix C) be approved; and</p> <p>(d) the statement of purpose (appendix D) be approved.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	It is a statutory responsibility for Cabinet to receive an annual fostering report and approve the related documents. It also provides an oversight of the direction and priorities for Herefordshire’s children and ensures they receive good quality care from the county’s foster carers, who are supported to keep children safe, enjoy a healthy lifestyle and attain good educational outcomes.
Options Considered:	As this is a performance report there are no alternative options.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	26 October 2016

COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON..... Date: 20 October 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.