

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

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>LOCAL AREA FORUMS</b>
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Chairman), Mrs O Barnett, Mrs J French, GV Hyde, C Mayson, DW Rule, R Stockton, M Wilson
Date of Decision:	1st July, 2004
Purpose:	To receive feedback on the latest round of the Local Area Forums, and note any issues raised by the community.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT the report be noted and the recommendations set out below be approved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the use of more local papers including Herefordshire Matters be explored;</li> <li>b) accessibility of the website should be improved;</li> <li>c) Cabinet Members continue to attend designated forums;</li> <li>d) the LAF co-ordinator, working with the senior officer present, should advise as to who takes responsibility when questions require follow up; and</li> <li>e) a programme of meetings be agreed taking account of existing Parish Council meeting dates if possible.</li> </ul>
Reasons for the Decision:	Cabinet agreed the principles for new arrangements for LAFs in October 2003. Two rounds have now been completed. An important principle was that issues raised at the meetings would be fed back in to Cabinet after every round of Local Area Forums.
Options Considered:	There are no alternative options
Declaration of Interest:	None

**RJ PHILLIPS:**..... Date:.....  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**