

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	COMMUNITY HOUSING FUND
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), D Harlow, J Lester, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	9 March 2017
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the county.	
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.	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	Yes
Purpose:	To approve proposals for the use of funding provided under the Community-Led Housing Fund.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) the proposals detailed at paragraph 9 of the report for the use of funding to a maximum of £503k from the Department of Communities and Local Government under the Community-Led Housing Fund be approved; and</p> <p>(b) authority be delegated to the director for adults and wellbeing to allocate the available community-led housing funding to specific programmes, grants and initiatives in order to implement the proposals.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The provisional allocation of funding to Herefordshire under the Community-Led Housing Fund provides an opportunity to make significant investment in housing, which responds to the local needs of communities and promotes active participation in local decision making. The sum of £252k has already been transferred to the council by DCLG. Approval of the proposals will allow them to be submitted to DCLG, with the expectation that it will release the remaining £251K in initial funding.
Options Considered:	The council does not submit proposals to use the funding. This would result potentially in half of the funding not being released by government and there being no agreed plan in place for utilising the funds already received. This option is not

	<p>recommended as it would result in significant loss of opportunity to support community housing developments in Herefordshire on a significant scale, both in 2017 and in future years.</p> <p>Considering other alternative proposals for submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG). This option is not recommended as the proposals reflect the opportunities to support key local developments and potential for community-led housing and the capacity which will be required to support them. Furthermore, any delay to the council's submission is likely to lead to the loss of £251K of funding provisionally allocated by DCLG.</p>
<p>Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):</p>	
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>Under the Council's Constitution – 4.5.17 Limitations of Call Ins – decisions taken under Regulation 10 General Exception or Regulation 11 Special Urgency are not subject to call in.</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSONDate: 9 March 2017 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.