

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET MEMBER HEALTH AND WELLBEING

ITEM:	VISION LINKS CONTRACT EXTENSION
Date of Decision:	10 April 2017
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because 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 to which the decision relates.	
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)	No
Purpose:	To approve the extension of the Sensory Impairment contract with Herefordshire Vision Links for 18 months to 30 September 2018
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) the contract with Herefordshire Vision Links be extended for 18 months to 30 September 2018 at a value of £155,883 (equating to £103,922 pa); and</p> <p>(b) By virtue of this decision report an exemption to paragraph 4.6.13.7 of the council's contract procedure rules shall be granted to enable the extensions for the reasons as set out in paragraph four of the report and referred to throughout the report.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The current contract with Vision Links will end on 31 March 2017. In order to ensure continuity of service an extension for 18 months to 30 September 2018 is recommended.
Options Considered:	There are no alternative options as the provision of a sensory impairment service for visually impaired, and blind/deaf people is a legal requirement for Herefordshire Council.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	10 April 2017
	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.

COUNCILLOR P MORGAN
Cabinet member health and wellbeing

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- 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.