

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>ACCESS TO SERVICES IN KINGTON AND SURROUNDING AREAS</b>
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Chairman), Mrs O Barnett, P Edwards, Mrs J French, GV Hyde, C Mayson, DW Rule, B Wilcox, M Wilson
Date of Decision:	15th July, 2004
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards</p> <p>A notice was served in accordance with section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulation 2000</p>	
Purpose:	To agree a way forward for the provision of local services in Kington and the surrounding area.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT it be agreed that</b></p> <p>(a) based on the reviewed funding requirements, the original proposal for redeveloping the Wesleyan Chapel is no longer viable;</p> <p>(b) subject to that agreement, it be agreed that:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) Kington library be redeveloped to provide a library and INFO service, with a ceiling cost set at £500,000; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) the Council works with the local community, including Kington Area Regeneration Partnership, Town Council and Local Members to determine a future use for the Wesleyan Chapel; and</p> <p>(c) ongoing local consultation be undertaken, with a full report back to Cabinet..</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cabinet approved the proposals to develop the Wesleyan Chapel in April 2003; subject to a viable business case being reported to Cabinet.</li> <li>2. Kington library does not fulfil the Disability Discrimination Act requirements that come into force in October 2004.</li> <li>3. Redevelopment of services in Kington will represent a significant investment from Council resources, in line with its Customer Services Strategy 2003 - 2007</li> </ol>

Options Considered:	Not applicable
Declaration of Interest:	None.
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	22nd July, 2004

<b>RJ PHILLIPS</b> ..... Date:..... <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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<p><b>To be completed by officer:</b></p>	
<p>Date consent received from Chairman of Scrutiny Committee:</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in:</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes was the decision modified?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Date original decision took effect:</p>	<p>22 July 2004</p>