

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	FOSTERING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, D Harlow, J Lester, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	20 July 2017
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To review the fostering service performance and approve related documents.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) the performance of the fostering service as outlined at appendix a to this report be reviewed, any risks to achievement of objectives noted and relevant mitigating actions approved;</p> <p>(b) the guide for young people that are looked after (appendix b) be approved; and</p> <p>(c) the statement of purpose (appendix c) be approved</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>1 The NMS are issued by the Secretary of State under the Care Standards Act 2000 and detail the conduct and standards required for Fostering Services and as such are taken into account during inspections by Ofsted.</p> <p>2 Standard 25.7 states that the executive of the council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. receive written reports on the management, outcomes and financial state of the fostering service every 3 months; b. monitor the management and outcomes of the services in order to satisfy themselves that the service is effective and is achieving good outcomes for children; c. satisfy themselves that the provider is complying with the conditions of registration.
Options Considered:	Under the National Minimum Standards for Fostering 2011 (NMS), Cabinet should receive updates on the management, outcomes and financial state of Herefordshire Council's fostering service; it is open to Cabinet to identify additional or alternative actions to improve performance, but in doing so regard must be had to the resource implications of additional actions. There are no alternative options to the recommendations.

Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	27 July 2017

COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON Date: 20 July 2017 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.