

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Approval of Young people's Accommodation Strategy
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	27 July 2017
Report exemption class	N/A
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To approve a new accommodation strategy for vulnerable young people in Herefordshire.
Decision	THAT: (a) the accommodation strategy for vulnerable young people in Herefordshire at appendix 1 be approved.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50020595
Options considered	The option to continue to improve accommodation for young people without a formal strategy. This option is not recommended because it would establish no clear objectives or principles or way of measuring success and demonstrating commitment. Nor would it promote different ways of working across housing and children's services which are the hallmark of the proposed strategy. The

	<p>strategy is also required in order to create a model for delivering savings and monitoring the avoidance of specialist placements for young people.</p> <p>The option to include management of homelessness among young people generally within the strategy. This is not recommended because there are specific duties and other factors relevant to homelessness which can be addressed best through implementation of the homelessness prevention strategy.</p>
<p>Declarations of interest (see below)</p>	
<p>Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)</p>	<p>3 August 2017</p>

<p>Councillor:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leader of the Council (Councillor AW Johnson)</p>	<p>Date 27 July 2017</p>
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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.