

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet member contracts and assets

Title	Honouring the Canary Girls
Decision maker	Cabinet member contracts and assets 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	2 October 2017
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	In March, full Council recognised the significant contribution made during the First and Second World Wars by the 'canary girls' in the munitions factories in Rotherwas and asked the executive to consider erecting a plaque in Rotherwas to recognise their national role and sacrifices made in the war effort and to honour and remember their important work in the county. This report responds to that request.
Decision	That: a plaque recognising the contribution of the 'canary girls' be erected at the Herefordshire Archive Records Centre (HARC) at a cost of no more than £2,500.
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=50023197
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do nothing: this is not recommended as the recommendation proposed is in keeping with the will of Council members and is a fitting and affordable tribute to the canary girls. 2. Do something different: Options might include a munitions- or agricultural-inspired artwork or the commissioning of a statue/sculpture. For these options to be agreed, additional sources of funding, beyond those set out in option (a) would be required. In light of pressures on council resources this option is not recommended but should the community wish to progress such a project the council could offer support through project and funding advice and may, subject to relevant governance approvals, provide land on the site on which such an artwork could be based.
Declarations of interest (see	

▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	6 October 2017

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member contracts and assets (Councillor H Bramer)</p>	<p>Date 2 October 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.