

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Nursery education funding agreement 2017</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	26 October 2017
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>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 concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>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.</p>
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 model Herefordshire Nursery Education Funding (NEF) Agreement to support implementation of the 30 hours free entitlement to nursery education for two, three and four year olds, which commenced on 1 September 2017.
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <p><b>(a) the draft Herefordshire Nursery Education Funding Agreement 2017 (at appendix 1) be approved; and</b></p> <p><b>(b) the director for children's wellbeing be authorised to take all necessary operational decisions to complete agreements with relevant providers, within approved</b></p>

	<b>funding allocations.</b>
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50022932">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50022932</a>
Options considered	There are no alternative options as it is a statutory duty to deliver two, three and four year old nursery education funded places (Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance - September 2014) and ensure there's enough childcare settings to meet parental demand. The 30 hours free childcare offer started on 1 September 2017.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	1 November 2017

Councillor: .....	Date 26 October 2017
Leader of the Council (Councillor AW Johnson)	

- 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.