

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Herefordshire's Better Care Fund (BCF) and Integration Plan 2017-2019 and extension of s.75 agreement</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	16 November 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 agree the extension of the existing section 75 agreement to March 2019 and note the council's contribution to the Herefordshire's Better Care Fund (BCF) and Integration Plan 2017-2019
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <p><b>(a) the council's contribution to the better care fund of £20.147m revenue and £1.706m capital for 2017/18 and £20.530m revenue and £1.853m capital for 2018/19, as set out in paragraph 26 of the report below, be agreed;</b></p>

	<p><b>(b) the option to enact the extension of the existing section 75 agreement to 31 March 2019 is agreed; and</b></p> <p><b>(c) the director for adults and wellbeing be authorised, following consultation with the solicitor to the council and s151 officer, to take all operational decisions necessary to approve the scheme level detail within the extended s75 agreement.</b></p>
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/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50023509">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50023509</a>
Options considered	<p>1. As per the national requirements, the content of the plan was approved by the health and wellbeing board on 7 September 2017, with authority delegated to the director for adults and wellbeing, the chief officer of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and the chief finance officers of both organisations for finalising detail. The plan was submitted to the national better care support team in line with the 11 September 2017 deadline and following an assurance process, has been approved.</p> <p>2. It is a national requirement, set by NHS England, that the better care fund is transferred into one or more pooled funds established under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006. The existing section 75 agreement is due to end on 31 March 2018. There is no alternative as such an agreement must be in place; therefore it is recommended that the option to extend the existing section 75 agreement to 31 March 2019 is approved.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	22 November 2017

Councillor: .....	Date 16 November 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.