

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member health and wellbeing**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Redesign and procurement of a countywide Shared Lives Scheme</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member health and wellbeing 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	27 December 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 the redesign and procurement of a countywide Shared Lives Scheme. The scheme currently supports 67 people, the majority of whom have a learning disability, and is managed on behalf of the council by Ategi Limited. The contract commenced on 1 April 2014 and expires on 31 March 2018; therefore alternative arrangements need to be put in place from this date.
<b>Decision</b>	<b>That:</b> <b>(a) the statutory requirements and day to day management of the Shared Lives Scheme are undertaken by Herefordshire Council from 1 April 2018;</b>

	<b>(b) the director for adults and wellbeing is authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above recommendation, including approval, following consultation with the solicitor to the council, of any application of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) to staff if applicable within a year 1 budget of £199,908.</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/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=I50023086">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=I50023086</a>
Options considered	<p>1 The option to conduct a commercial procurement exercise. This option is not recommended as the soft market test conducted in August 2017 indicates that there is no functioning market for this type of service.</p> <p>2 The option to renegotiate a new contract with the current service provider, Ategi, from 1 April 2018. Ategi has indicated that it would have difficulty continuing to manage the scheme on the current terms and conditions. Furthermore, it has not delivered the required growth in the number of individuals using the scheme and previous commitments to remedy this situation have not produced tangible results.</p> <p>3 The option to delegate the management of the Shared Lives Scheme to another council, in order to secure efficiencies from a larger scale of business. This option is not recommended as preliminary discussions with potential partners have found little evidence of interest on their part for such an arrangement. There is also a risk of the loss of Shared Lives carers to another council and a fragmentation of the Herefordshire scheme.</p> <p>4 The option to directly award the contract to a local organisation of Shared Lives carers. This option is not recommended at this time as the only such body, Hereford Shared Lives, is a recently formed organisation with no track record of managing services. However, the council will continue to explore the opportunities for co-production and the possibility of the scheme becoming self-directed over time.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	4 January 2018

Councillor: .....	Date 27 December 2017
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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.