

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Marlbrook Primary extension, feasibility and interim works
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	18 January 2018
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 seek approval to take forward the interim that are necessary to meet September 2018 intake requirements. To go out to tender to seek approval for the appointment of a designer of the remaining feasibility works.
Decision	That: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) funding of up to £300k be approved from the capital budget allocated to Marlbrook school to fund the works necessary to create an additional classroom for use by the school in September 2018; (b) Greencroft ceases to be used as a Multi-Agency Office

	<p>(MAO) area from 1 March 2018, and</p> <p>(c) the director for children’s wellbeing be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above works, including the appointment of a contractor.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50023951</p>
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No capital investment is made. Additional places for 30 children in reception could not be accommodated at Marlbrook in September 2018. The children would have to be accommodated at another school in South Wye, Hereford. For a number of years there have been more children whose parents have requested a place at Marlbrook than there are places available at the school. While there are other schools in the area that might accommodate these children there are not sufficient places in the appropriate year groups to enable this and parental preference over a number of years has been for places at Marlbrook. There are also indications of a longer term need for places. 2. Provide a permanent build to make Marlbrook a full three form entry school accommodating 630 children. Whilst this may be the long term solution, agreed under the schools capital investment strategy, there is insufficient time to implement this for September 2018. 3. Another mobile could be installed to provide an additional classroom. This would not enable any works to be done to assist with pressures on nursery places at the school, which would be addressed as part of the interim works. The siting of a mobile would also not be considered best value, as it would only be in place for one year, before it is disposed of. The interim solution will continue to be used as the main nursery area for the school even after the extension has been built. 4. The MAO continues to operate from Greencroft. There is insufficient space in the entire Greencroft building (including children’s centre) to provide the required facilities and services. There is already a private nursery operating from the site; the school need additional classroom and nursery space and there is an agreement for some children’s centre services to continue to operate from the building. There is also a concern that non-DBS checked staff could mix with potentially vulnerable children.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency)	25 January 2018

provisions apply)	
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Councillor:	Date 18 January 2018
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.