

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet

Title	Responding to the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group - Devolution
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	15 February 2018
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	<p>To consider the recommendations of the General Scrutiny Committee on engagement with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) and other partnership options to deliver growth and jobs in Herefordshire.</p> <p>The then General Overview and Scrutiny Committee established a task and finish group on devolution to conduct a review on a) key issues relating to the government's devolution agenda, b) the pros and cons of engagement with WMCA, and c) other options on partnership working to deliver growth and jobs in Herefordshire. This would encompass Herefordshire Council's corporate plans, strategic economic strategy and economic master plan.</p> <p>To ensure that the council is in the best possible position to continue to secure government funding to support the growth aspirations of the county whilst maintaining the flexibility needed to fully explore the implications of greater engagement in a combined authority engagement. Cabinet is invited to approve the response to the committee's recommendations.</p>
Decision	That: (a) the proposed responses to the recommendations set out at appendix 2 are approved.
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?Id=50024462
Options considered	There are no alternative options to responding; it is statutory requirement

	<p>that the executive respond to recommendations of the scrutiny committee.</p> <p>It is open to cabinet to agree alternative responses to the recommendations, but in doing so regard must be had to implications, including financial, legal of implementing any such alternative actions.</p>
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	21 February 2018

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Leader of the Council (Councillor AW Johnson)</p>	<p>Date 15 February 2018</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.