

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Learning Disability Strategy</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	7 June 2018
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	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.
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 Learning Disability Strategy 2018-2028.
<b>Decision</b>	<b>That:</b> <b>(a) the executive's response to the recommendations of the children and young peoples' scrutiny committee at paragraph 40 be approved; and</b> <b>(b) the Learning Disability Strategy 2018-2028 (Appendix 1) be approved.</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=50025834">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50025834</a>
Options considered	That the council does not have a Learning Disability Strategy. This is not recommended because, whilst a strategy is considered good practice rather than a legal requirement, failure to have one in place will impede the council's ability to deliver best value and

	<p>evidence progress in leading social change for people with learning disabilities in Herefordshire.</p> <p>2. That the council develop a separate Learning Disability Strategy that does not consider the primary healthcare needs of people with learning disabilities. This is not recommended because it would likely have a negative impact on effective joint planning of services and on the required reshaping and improvement of services to ensure good quality life outcomes for people with learning disabilities, whose long-term needs span the commissioning and operational services of the NHS and adult social care.</p> <p>3. That the council does not include the needs of young people with learning disabilities prior to transition to adult services. This is not recommended because well-coordinated planning across children's and adult services is essential, firstly to the successful planning of services to meet assessed outcomes and secondly to supporting positive long-term aspirations for independence, employment, lifelong health and active citizenship.</p> <p>4. That the council develop a whole-life Learning Disability Strategy to cover both the childhood and adulthood of people with learning disabilities rather than a primarily adult focused strategy. This is not recommended at this time because prior to the start of specific 'preparation for adulthood' planning around Year-9 (age 13 onwards), the key issues are common to all children. Beyond this point, the current approach fits with the similar post-adolescence planning process used within health services and with the preparation-for-adulthood process used within the council's children's service in aligning with the requirements of the Care Act 2014.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	13 June 2018

Councillor: .....	Date 7 June 2018
Leader of the Council (Councillor JG Lester)	

- 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.