

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member contracts and assets

Title	Disposal / Redevelopment of former school land and playing field at Holme Lacy primary school
Decision maker	Cabinet member contracts and assets 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	19 July 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	<p>To approve the proposal to dispose of the former school land and playing fields at Holme Lacy Primary School subject to agreement from the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Holme Lacy primary school closed in September 2012 following a statutory consultation period. There was no evidence or indication that demand for places at the school would increase in the foreseeable future and it was very unlikely that demand would have been at a level that would sustain the school financially or educationally. No significant new housing development was planned in the school catchment area.</p>

	The buildings and land was used temporarily by Robert Owen Academy from September 2013 to August 2015. Since then no use has been made of either the buildings or playing fields by any party and therefore they are no longer required following the closure of the school.
Decision	That: (a) The land occupied by the former Holme Lacy Primary School (buildings, land and playing fields) as identified in the plan at appendix 1, be approved for disposal; and (b) the interim education and capital manager be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the disposal subject to Secretary of State consent being secured.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50023954
Options considered	1. The site is retained. The opportunity to realise a capital receipt would be lost and costs would be incurred to maintain the site or demolish the building to reduce council liability.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	25 July 2018

Councillor:	Date 19 July 2018
Cabinet member contracts and assets (Councillor H Bramer)	

- 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.