

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet member infrastructure

Title	Hereford Area Plan Site Options Consultation
Decision maker	<p>Cabinet member infrastructure</p> <p>Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</p>
Date of decision	10 August 2018
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	<p>To approve the publication of the Hereford area plan (HAP) housing and employment site options paper for consultation purposes.</p> <p>The site options paper sets out to identify a range of sites considered as potential allocations for housing and employment uses within the HAP. It includes details of 57 housing sites and 5 employment sites considered to have potential for development across Hereford. The consultation will seek the public's views on the approach taken, including the site suggestions or whether other sites and proposals should be considered.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) the Hereford Area Plan site options paper (Appendix 1-9) is approved for consultation.</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/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50024523</p>
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The delivery of potential sites for housing and employment will be a key element of the HAP. An alternative approach to developing the plan considered was to move directly to preparing a draft plan with a set of draft housing and employment allocations. 2. However, development plan documents are examined by independently appointed inspectors whose role is to assess whether the plan is sound. One of the tests of soundness is that a plan is considered justified when considered against reasonable alternatives. By carrying out this consultation it ensures that the wider community have been given the

	<p>opportunity to contribute their views which will influence the Plan's outcome. Therefore, moving to publishing a draft plan without considering a range of site options and carrying out a public consultation would increase the risk of the document being found unsound at examination stage.</p> <p>3. There are a number of site options within the document. The public are being asked for their views on sites considered to have potential and sites discounted for both housing and employment sites. A summary of the issues are set out for each site. There is also the opportunity to consider other non housing and non employment options for the relevant sites. Such needs might include the educational buildings, student accommodation, community buildings, multi storey car parking etc.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	16 August 2018

Councillor: Cabinet member infrastructure (Councillor PD Price)	Date 10 August 2018
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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.