

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member infrastructure

Title	Warm Homes Funding acceptance
Decision maker	Cabinet member infrastructure 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	7 December 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)	Yes
Purpose	<p>This report seeks approval for Herefordshire Council to accept the Warm Homes Fund grant offer of £1.069m, to act as the accountable body for the project and to implement the project in accordance with the attached project applications.</p> <p>Warm Homes funding will enable Herefordshire to support approximately 150 fuel poor households in the county, with the same number potentially supported in Shropshire.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) Herefordshire Council act as accountable body for the £1,068,900 grant funding and delivery of the Warm Homes Fund Project across Herefordshire and</p>

	<p>Shropshire;</p> <p>(b) the scheme criteria set out at paragraphs 11a and b be approved;</p> <p>(c) the chief finance officer be requested to add the £959,830 capital grant funding to the capital programme; and</p> <p>(d) (d) the Acting Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste Services be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the scheme including determination of grant applications in accordance with scheme criteria.</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=50028435</p>
Options considered	<p>1. Not/only part accept the grant funding.</p> <p>a. This is not recommended as this would make it difficult for some fuel poor households with no recognised central heating systems to receive support, as national funding streams alone are likely to result in significant funding shortfalls for fuel poor households.</p> <p>b. This will result in a risk of not achieving the council's strategic objectives within the Corporate Plan and Affordable Warmth Strategy.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	13 December 2018

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member infrastructure (Councillor PD Price)</p>	<p>Date 7 December 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.