

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member transport and regulatory services**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Tackling serious organised crime</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member transport and regulatory services 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	13 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)	No
Purpose	<p>To approve a programme of measures to tackle serious organised crime through closer working with the police and other partner organisations through multi agency targeted enforcement. This will entail additional funding and better resource to more effectively regulate the increasing problem of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illicit tobacco and alcohol,</li> <li>• Criminal landlords exploiting the vulnerable.</li> <li>• Awareness raising for the disruption of organised crime and meeting the needs of vulnerable people.</li> </ul> <p>The serious organised crime gangs concerned with the above</p>

	<p>activities are also likely to be involved in the 'County Lines' phenomenon, whereby drugs enter Herefordshire from the urban areas that surround it. This report therefore also seeks to raise awareness with partner agencies and the public to disrupt this organised crime and help the council meet the health &amp; wellbeing needs of its most vulnerable people and keep them safe.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <p><b>(a) £500,000 additional one off investment in measures to tackle anti-social and serious organised crime be approved to be spent across the areas of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Illicit tobacco and alcohol control – circa £240,000</b></li> <li>• <b>Criminal landlord and anti-social activity – circa £240,000</b></li> <li>• <b>Awareness raising for the disruption of organised crime and meeting the needs of vulnerable people – circa £20,000</b></li> </ul>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50026805">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50026805</a></p>
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the programme of measures to tackle serious organised crime is not approved. This is not recommended as recent discussions with the police and other agencies have identified a disturbing increase in such crime and without targeted action by all agencies working together, there is a real risk that this trend will continue to the detriment of Herefordshire.</li> <li>2. That the £500,000 is spent on other areas of regulation. Although there may be good reason to invest elsewhere in regulation, this is not currently recommended because the council needs to prioritise this limited and available resource on tackling the disturbing increase in criminal activity associated with serious organised crime.</li> </ol>
Declarations of interest (see below)	None
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	19 December 2018

Councillor: .....

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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.