

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION
CABINET**

ITEM:	DEVELOPING THE CHILDREN'S AGENDA IN HEREFORDSHIRE - CHANGE FOR CHILDREN
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips, GV Hyde, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule, RV Stockton, RM Wilson.
Date of Decision:	13th Jan 2005
Purpose:	To receive a report on the Change for Children and Local Performance Improvement Agenda and the next steps locally. To agree arrangements which will support the change/improvement and the preparation for JAR (Joint Area Review) now provisionally set by the Audit Commission for autumn 2005.
Decision:	<p>Cabinet agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to work with partners to establish a Children's Partnership Board which may well form the groundwork for a Herefordshire Children's Trust; • in principle to set up a Change/Improvement/Development Team to support the Children's Services Directorate Leadership Team and the short-term investment needed; • that the costs of the Change Team be met from Reserves; and <p>to introduce lead roles for School-Strategy and Change, and Adult Social Care/Strategic Housing as described in paragraphs 13 and 14 (noting that the Cabinet Member for Children has already signed a decision notice to agree the Schools leadership role be undertaken by the Head of Inspection Advice and School Performance).</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	To keep Cabinet informed on the change programme looking ahead.
Options Considered:	There are no alternative options.
Declaration of Interest:	None

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:..... Date:.....
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL