

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member corporate strategy and budget**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Membership of The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership Limited</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member corporate strategy and budget 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	18 June 2019
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	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.
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	To approve that Herefordshire Council become a Public Sector Member of The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership Limited.  Following a national review, the government has issued a directive that all Local Enterprise Partnerships should have a legal personality. The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) must incorporate as a company before any further local growth funding is released.  Herefordshire Council as a public sector body within the geographical area of the LEP has the right to become a Public Sector Member of the company. Doing so will confer the right to appoint a director to the board of the company to represent the council and participate in decision-making.
<b>Decision</b>	<b>That:</b> <b>a) Herefordshire Council apply to become a Public Sector Member of The Marches Local Enterprise</b>

	<p><b>Partnership Limited;</b></p> <p><b>b) subject to approval of recommendation (a) above the leader of the council shall nominate the appointment of the public sector member; and</b></p> <p><b>c) the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership Limited be added to the council’s register of strategic partnerships and list of outside bodies to which the council makes appointments.</b></p>
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=50030043">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50030043</a></p>
Options considered	<p>The council could choose not to become a member of the company. This is not recommended as the council would not be able to nominate a director to be appointed by the board of the company and would lose the ability to directly influence decision making at the LEP.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	24 June 2019

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Cabinet member corporate strategy and budget (Councillor David Hitchiner)</p>	<p>Date 18 June 2019</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.