

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Herefordshire Suicide Prevention Strategy
Decision maker	Cabinet 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	25 July 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	<p>To approve a Suicide Prevention Strategy for Herefordshire 2019 - 2023.</p> <p>The strategy sets out the profile of suicide in Herefordshire and steps that can be taken to contribute to its prevention. It is intended that partner organisations will each take action and also work collaboratively to reduce the number of suicides in Herefordshire.</p> <p>The strategy builds upon national strategy, policy and guidance. It includes a shared vision and key priority areas. The vision of the strategy is aligned to the national strategy in seeking to achieve a greater than 10% reduction in the number of suicides by 2021. This includes a zero suicide ambition for mental health inpatient services. There are complexities in interpreting fact and figures in respect of suicide, but overall numbers and rates in Herefordshire are seen to be consistent with national trends.</p> <p>Partners will be jointly responsible for the delivery of the strategy. The Mental Health Partnership Board will oversee the development</p>

	of an action plan, which partners will then be responsible for delivering.
Decision	That: (a) The Herefordshire suicide prevention strategy 2019-2023 at appendix 1 be approved.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50030017
Options considered	1. Not to approve the suicide prevention strategy for Herefordshire. This option is not recommended as the joint strategy will benefit the residents of Herefordshire to have a robust strategy and subsequent action plan in place that aims to reduce the number of preventable deaths by suicide.
Declarations of interest (see below)	None
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	31 July 2019

Councillor: Leader of the Council (Councillor David Hitchiner)	Date 25 July 2019
---	-------------------

- 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.