

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

ITEM:	DEVELOPING A COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN HEREFORDSHIRE
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Leader), Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule MBE, RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.
Date of Decision:	17 February 2005
Purpose:	To note the requirement to develop a commissioning strategy for children and young people in Herefordshire. To receive an outline of the initial elements for such a strategy. To consider the immediate priorities and responses to the challenges on resources and performance 2004-05.
Decision:	THAT it be agreed that:- (a) the Children's Partnership Board (once established) ensures that there is a commissioning strategy for vulnerable children (social care) and that is reflected in the broader Children and Young People's Plan for April 2006; (b) the key elements for a commissioning strategy for children's services focuses on a needs assessment for county children; family support and the overall needs of looked after children; (c) a three year commissioning strategy for children and young people be produced by December 2005 to identify efficiencies and potential investment options; and (d) immediate commissioning priority service attention be put into further developing fostering services and targeted family support services.
Reasons for the Decision:	To inform Cabinet on the key elements and priorities for a commissioning strategy for children (social care service).
Options Considered:	None.
Declaration of Interest:	None

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