

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport

Title	Support for residents and businesses whose homes or business premises have been flooded
Decision maker	Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport 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	9 December 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)	Special Urgency
Purpose	To seek approval for the launch of hardship schemes to residents and businesses whose homes or business premises have been flooded. The hardship schemes would consist of a Community Recovery Grant, equivalent to £500 per eligible household, to help families with their immediate recovery and a Business Recovery Grant, which will provide up to £2,500 per eligible small and medium-sized business.
Decision	That: (a) The council adopts for households and businesses affected by the floods in October and November 2019, the Community Recovery Grant Scheme and the Business Recovery Grant Scheme in appendix one with a budget up to £225,000; and

	(b) the Acting Assistant Director Highways & Transport / Head of Infrastructure Delivery be authorised to determine grants in accordance with the scheme criteria.
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=50032587
Options considered	1. Not to approve the hardship schemes has the potential to prevent Herefordshire households and businesses from recovering from and meeting the costs associated with the damage caused by the exceptional weather.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	This decision is to be taken under the special urgency provisions as set out in paragraphs 4.2.52-54 of the constitution of Herefordshire Council. It will not be subject to call in.

Councillor:	Date 9 December 2019
Cabinet member Infrastructure and transport (Councillor John Harrington)	

- 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.