

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member commissioning, procurement and assets

Title	Strategic Acquisition of a leasehold in Herefordshire and to award a facilities management contract post completion
Decision maker	Cabinet member commissioning, procurement and assets 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	18 May 2020
Report exemption class	Part exempt
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>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.</p>
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 the strategic purchase of a site in the central ward within a defined budget (set out in appendix1) and to authorise officers, following appropriate consultation and due diligence, to proceed with the acquisition.</p> <p>The proposed purchase will be a strategic acquisition which would support the council's policies in respect of economic growth and enable the council to plan for any future demand or development opportunity that may arise in line with the cabinet's county plan objectives.</p>

Decision	That: (a) the purchase of the freehold premises in the central ward, as detailed in appendix 1 is approved; subject to the chief finance officer being satisfied that appropriate heads of terms have been agreed, due diligence has been completed and the purchase provides value for money; (b) the director economy and place, in consultation with the cabinet member commissioning, procurement and assets, be authorised to complete the acquisition; and (c) the director economy and place be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to appoint a fully managed management company.
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?Ild=I50033913
Options considered	1. Not to proceed with the acquisition. This is not the recommended option, because if the council does not acquire the site it is highly likely that it will be acquired by a private developer, unlikely to align with the long term economic objectives of the council and other stakeholders.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	22 May 2020

Councillor: Cabinet member commissioning, procurement and assets (Councillor Gemma Davies)	Date 18 May 2020
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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.