

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

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS: NEXT STEPS</b>
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Leader), GV Hyde, Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule, RV Stockton, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	19 May 2005
Purpose:	To consent to register interest in a Local Area Agreement by the closing date of the 20th May, 2005.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT consent be given for interest to be registered with Government Office West Midlands in obtaining a Local Area Agreement.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	Local Area Agreements are a key element in the Government's long term strategy for local government. Herefordshire Council registered interest in being one of the twenty pilot authorities but was not successful. In the West Midlands Telford and Wrekin, Coventry and Wolverhampton are now concluding their LAAs.
Options Considered:	We do not register interest.
Declaration of Interest:	None

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