

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member finance and corporate services

Title	Transfer of Get Building Funding the New Model Institute Technology and Engineering
Decision maker	Cabinet member finance and corporate services 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	5 January 2021
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	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.
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	To enable the accountable body, Shropshire Council, to delegate responsibility for managing the Get Building Funding grant and the relationship with the successful grant applicant NMITE to the council. The grant amount of £1.6m for the project will be transferred from the accountable body to the council, £800,000 in 2020/21 and £800,000 in 2021/22. The grant funding will be utilised to accelerate development of NMITE's Centre for Automated Manufacturing on the Hereford Enterprise Zone.
Decision	That: (a) The Council accept responsibility for managing the £1.6m Get Building Fund grant and the relationship with NMITE for the development of their Skylon Park campus. (b) The Chief Finance Officer be authorised, following consultation with the monitoring officer and cabinet member for finance, to complete such legal documentation including, but not limited to the funding offer letter from Shropshire Council and subsequent

	funding agreement between the council and NMITE to protect the council's interests as the project accountable body and take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above recommendations.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50035929
Options considered	1. Do nothing - the council could decide not to be the accountable body for the project. This may result in NMITE not being able to access the approved funds, which would reduce the funding available to support recovery from Covid 19 in the county.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	11 January 2021

Councillor: Cabinet member finance and corporate services (Councillor Liz Harvey)	Date 5 January 2021
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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.