

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Schools Capital Investment Programme</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	21 January 2021
Report exemption class	Open
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 proposed expenditure of the preliminary works budget included in the capital programme.</p> <p>The distribution of this funding is determined in accordance with the principles set out in the schools capital investment strategy and is based on regular condition surveys, suitability assessments and assessments of current and forecast demand for places.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	<b>That:</b> <b>(a) Feasibility studies, within an approved budget of £475K, are commissioned to inform a programme of</b>

	<p><b>school capital investment work;</b></p> <p><b>(b) The Assistant Director for Education, Development and Skills be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to deliver the required schedule of feasibility studies within the approved budget of £475k including fees; and</b></p> <p><b>(c) The Assistant Director for Education, Development and Skills be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to vary the schedule of feasibility studies should any information received require them to do so.</b></p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50035785">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50035785</a></p>
Options considered	<p>1. A different set of investment works are prioritised. The works proposed have been determined based on the latest information in terms of the condition, suitability and sufficiency of the children &amp; families establishments. The proposed works are addressing the known priorities and the council's statutory duties.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	27 January 2021

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Leader of the Council (Councillor David Hitchiner)</p>	<p>Date 21 January 2021</p>
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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.