

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

ITEM:	SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY CONCORDAT
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Leader), Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule MBE, RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.
Date of Decision:	15 September 2005
Purpose:	To consider signing up to the principles set out in the Small Business Friendly Concordat.
Decision:	THAT Herefordshire Council signs up to the principles set out in the Small Business Friendly Concordat.
Reasons for the Decision:	It is a key milestone for 2005 in the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government that Councils should adopt the principles of the SME Concordat, which was issued by the Deputy Prime Minister this year. The Council is following the National Strategy and the aims of the Concordat are also generally in line with the aim of the Council's Corporate Plan to support business growth.
Options Considered:	Other than the option of declining to adopt the Concordat, there is no practical alternative option for consideration.
Declaration of Interest:	None

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:..... Date:15 September 2005
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL