

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

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE</b>
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 receive information on proposed organisational changes to the local Health Service as a result of a DoH paper on "Commissioning a Patient-Led NHS" and to respond to the Strategic Health Authority (SHA) Consultation.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT (a) Cabinet agrees to state the case strongly for the retention of a Herefordshire sovereign NHS body commissioning service for the Herefordshire public; and  (b) Cabinet comments on a draft response to consultation by the Strategic health Authority on the implications for local services.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	On 27th July, 2005, the Department of Health published "Commissioning a Patient Led NHS" setting out a framework for improving commissioning of services alongside improvements in health and service delivery. The main factors in the guidance are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCTs of the future will concentrate on commissioning and improving public health</li> <li>• PCTs will not directly provide services (this may be allowed only in the most exceptional circumstances)</li> <li>• GP practice-based commissioning will be fully developed</li> <li>• A reduction in the number of SHAs, Ambulance Trusts and PCTs</li> <li>• Most NHS Trusts will become Foundation Trusts</li> <li>• An expectation that PCT boundaries will match those of Local Authorities</li> <li>• Delivery of at least 15% reduction in management and administrative costs.</li> </ul>
Options Considered:	N/A
Declaration of Interest:	Personal Interest – Councillor PJ Edwards

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