

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

ITEM:	VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR SUPPORT STRATEGY
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Leader), Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, DW Rule MBE (Deputy Leader), RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.
Date of Decision:	17 November 2005
Purpose:	To receive a progress report on the development of a Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) Support Strategy for the Council and its relationship to the Local Area Agreement (LAA), and to approve of proposed actions for future implementation of the Strategy.
Decision:	<p>THAT (a) progress towards the development of a Council Strategy for Voluntary & Community Sector Support be noted</p> <p>(b) the draft Strategic Framework be approved for consultation.</p> <p>(c) the principle of maintaining existing funding arrangements to Age Concern, Community First, Community Voluntary Action Ledbury & District and Herefordshire Voluntary Action, pending final adoption of the Strategic Framework and agreement of the Infrastructure Consortium Business Plan be approved.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The 2004 Review of Council Support to the Community & Voluntary Sector highlighted the need for a Council Strategy for Voluntary & Community Sector Support.
Options Considered:	No alternative options have been identified.
Declaration of Interest:	None.

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:..... Date: 17 November 2005
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL