

Local Investment Plan 2011-2026

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC HOUSING

DATE REPORT CONSIDERED AND DECIDED BY CABINET MEMBER: 11 JANUARY 2011

DATE DECISION CAN BE IMPLEMENTED: 17 JANUARY 2011

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To endorse the Local Investment Plan 2011-2026 which sets out the strategic and investment framework through which Herefordshire Council and the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) will seek to work and invest alongside strategic partners.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation

THAT:

- (a) **the Cabinet Member endorses the Herefordshire Local Investment Plan 2011-2026 for submission to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA)**

Key Points Summary

- The Herefordshire Local Investment Plan (LIP) provides a strategic framework within which the Council, HCA and partners will seek to focus joint investment to deliver the identified priorities for Herefordshire.
- It is informed by emerging or existing investment or strategic plans and may be subject to amendment once e.g. the Local Development Framework (LDF) for Herefordshire has been finalised.
- Following endorsement, the LIP will be submitted to the HCA to enable the inclusion of Herefordshire's investment needs within the HCA's strategic business plan.

Alternative Options

- 1 The Council could choose not to formulate a Local Investment Plan setting out the strategic and investment framework for endorsement by the HCA. However, the HCA retains an ongoing strategic role in supporting housing and regeneration investment and failure to produce a LIP would prevent Herefordshire's priorities being included in HCA Business and

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Investment Planning.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 To enable Herefordshire's Local Investment Plan 2011-2026 to be submitted to the HCA Regional Management Board for noting and endorsement in advance of the development of the HCA Business Plan.

Introduction and Background

- 3 The Herefordshire Local Investment Plan 2011-2026 has been developed by Herefordshire Council in partnership with the HCA and in consultation with key partners and stakeholders. It has been developed out of the 'Single Conversation' process with the HCA and provides a strategic framework within which the Council, HCA and partners will seek to focus joint investment to deliver the identified priorities for Herefordshire.
- 4 The plan provides an evidential overview to Council priorities, aligned to HCA investment priorities and provides a whole area approach with appropriate reference to key strategic plans and strategies, including the LDF. The LDF will decide the housing numbers which will be reflected in the LIP. To that end, it is important to note that the LDF is still in development and therefore, whilst this LIP reflects the current known position, it will be subject to amendment when the LDF is finalised and adopted.
- 5 The LIP will be considered by the HCA's Regional Management Board in January following which it is anticipated key priorities will be reflected in HCA strategies.
- 6 A copy of the submission draft copy of the Local Investment Plan is attached at Appendix A.

Key Considerations

- 7 The HCA's priorities for investment which have guided the LIP are:-
 - a. Increasing housing supply
 - b. Place-making and Regeneration
 - c. Existing Stock and Retrofit
- 8 The Herefordshire LIP has identified the following priorities for investment referencing, where appropriate, special and thematic priorities for regeneration investment including transport, health, housing and infrastructure.
 - a. Growth in Hereford City and it's surrounds
 - b. Rural and Market Town housing
 - c. Supporting Independent Living for Vulnerable Individuals
 - d. Increasing Energy Efficiency and Decent Homes
- 9 Whilst no assurances or guarantees can be made regarding the availability of funding, the LIP reflects on the fact that joint investment is core to delivering the agreed priorities. It therefore identifies the broad potential costs of delivering the key projects, where possible, and the

potential funding opportunities that may contribute to delivery.

- 10 The plan will be monitored annually and reviewed every 5 years with the next review being 2016.

Community Impact

- 11 The Local Investment Plan only sets out the strategic investment priorities for Herefordshire as defined within the existing and developing key spatial and thematic strategies of Herefordshire Council and relevant broader partnerships. Whilst those strategies and policies, including the LDF, may have significant impact on wider communities, the LIP alone carries no direct Community Impact.
- 12 In broader terms, however, the LIP will enable the directing of investment from the HCA in supporting the delivery of agreed priorities.

Financial Implications

- 13 The LIP does not commit Herefordshire Council to financial expenditure but aims to identify the funding requirements to enable the delivery of agreed priorities.

Legal Implications

- 14 There are no legal implications.

Risk Management

- 15 There are no risks associated with endorsing the recommendations set out in this report as the LIP aims to set out the strategic priorities for investment but does not commit the Council to any actions. However, failure to submit the LIP and receive endorsement from the HCA Regional Management Board may negatively affect the Council's ability to attract funding which may support the delivery of affordable housing and other strategic priorities for investment.

Consultees

- 16 HCA, Housing Partnership for Herefordshire, RSL Development Sub-Group, Hereford Futures.

Appendices

- 17 Appendix A – Herefordshire Council and the Homes and Communities Agency Local Investment Plan 2011-2026

Background Papers

- Sustainable Community Strategy 2010/11
- Housing Strategy for Herefordshire – draft refresh
- Herefordshire Economic Development Strategy
- Local Development Framework