

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET MEMBER CORPORATE SERVICES & EDUCATION

ITEM:	HEREFORDSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE
Date of Decision:	24 June 2011
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because It is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the County.	
The item was included in the Forward Plan.	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve a new sustainable model of business for the delivery of the Music Service.
Decision:	THAT: A new model of business for the Music Service, including the Accredited Teacher Scheme be approved. This will be more cost-effective for families and schools; maintain and potentially increase the whole class teaching in Key Stage 2; maintain the bands and orchestras and place the service on a better financial footing.
Reasons for the Decision:	The proposals are recommended to ensure that a high quality financially stable model of service can be delivered at a cost-effective and affordable price to Herefordshire's children and young people. The changes would address the accumulating deficit budget each year. The model would also allow for the service to continue its modernisation plan and improved developments for the community.
Options Considered:	<p>1 The music service in its current form of operation is financially unsustainable and cannot provide high levels of services to schools and our young people at subsidised rates. Alternative stable business models have been explored and are set out in this report. Should no option be taken forward, it would not be possible to operate the Music Service.</p> <p>2 Closing the Music Service would have the impact of reducing opportunities for Herefordshire's Children and Young People. It would restrict access to regional events and leave the LA and Schools in a much weaker position when bidding for the new national 'Music Hubs' grants in 2012.</p>

	<p>3 Other options have also been explored, as set out in Section 19 below.</p> <p>4 For operational reasons, the most effective time to make this change is for September 2011. This enables new arrangements to be in place for the academic year and avoids complications with service level agreements with schools. To achieve this, redundancy notices were issued by 31 May 2011. Peripatetic Teachers have already been informed of the impending redundancies if the recommendation is approved.</p>
<p>Declaration of Interest:</p>	
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>30 June 2011</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR PD PRICEDate: 24 June 2011 Cabinet Member Corporate Services & Education</p>

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	Not applicable – decision called in.
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was called in on 29 June 2011 by Councillors SJ Robertson, EPJ Harvey and MAF Hubbard. Call in meeting date to be arranged.
Was the decision modified?	No
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
If no any comment(s) to be noted	Not applicable
Date original decision took effect:	30 June 2011