

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>30 September 2016</b>
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Leader's report</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Leader of the council</b>

## **Classification**

Open

## **Key decision**

This is not an executive decision.

## **Wards affected**

Countywide

## **Purpose**

To receive a report from the leader on the activities of cabinet since the meeting of Council in July.

## **Recommendation**

**THAT:**

- (a) **the report be noted.**

## **Alternative options**

- 1 There are no alternative options; it is a requirement of the council's constitution.

## **Reasons for recommendations**

- 2 To ensure members are aware of the activities of cabinet.

## **Key considerations**

- 3 A list of the decisions taken by cabinet and cabinet members since the last report to Council (covering the period between 24 June and 16 September) is provided at appendix 1; six were taken under the general exception provision (less than twenty-eight but more than five days' notice) and the relevant overview and scrutiny committee chairman was notified. None were taken under the urgency provision (less than five days' notice). No decisions were subject to call in.

- 4 Members will be aware that the NHS nationally is developing sustainability and transformation plans designed to enable it to continue to meet the needs of patients, through the provision of high quality services, within the available resources. Given the close connections between healthcare and social care, and between health more generally and the wider wellbeing of the population, officers have been closely involved with NHS colleagues in the development of the plan for the Herefordshire and Worcestershire footprint. Efforts continue to be made to ensure that the plan fully reflects the impact on the Herefordshire population of changes in healthcare services, while also drawing on the considerable influence that council services can have on the wellbeing of local communities, and hence on demand for healthcare.
- 5 Since the last Council meeting, we have received the provisional and final results from all the key stage checks and exams from the early years, right the way through to A level and other Level 3 results. What a year it's been for our Herefordshire children and young people. We've had particularly pleasing results in the early years of school – four years ago we were one of the worst performing areas in the country; this year we are now above the national average. We've bucked the national trend where there was a fall in GCSE results, and seen, yet again, an improvement in the number of young people getting 5 A\*-C including English and maths, which also places us above the national average. We've also seen excellent results at A level again, cementing our position as one of the best performing areas in the country. Well done to our early years settings, schools and colleges, well done to all the parents and carers, and most of all, congratulations to our children and young people who have worked so hard.
- 6 Over the summer we have had very detailed consultation with the children and families who may need short breaks to provide respite and opportunity for children with disabilities. This council has taken a keen interest in this matter, through the good work of the scrutiny task and finish group. Cabinet have approved the approach to tendering for a range of short breaks and the tender process started this month.
- 7 You will be aware that the proposed economic master plan is currently being drafted with a view to being approved by full Council later this year. An engagement process is beginning and the views of all ward members will be welcomed. The intention is for the document to be 'living' rather than static and therefore its important there is a broad understanding of how to propose projects for inclusion in the plan going forward. An all member briefing is being arranged and I encourage all members to participate, to support the growth of our economy now and going forward.
- 8 Members will also wish to note the summary of the activity of the community safety partnership, chaired by the cabinet member health and wellbeing, attached at appendix 2.

## **Community impact**

- 9 The community impact of any decisions of the executive have been set out within the relevant decision report and taken into consideration at the time the decision was taken.

## **Equality duty**

- 10 Cabinet and cabinet members have paid due regard to the public sector equality duty in their decision-making, as set out in the relevant decision reports.

## **Financial implications**

- 11 The financial implications of any decisions of the executive have been set out within the relevant decision report and taken into consideration at the time the decision was taken.

## **Legal implications**

- 12 The legal implications of any decisions of the executive have been set out within the relevant decision report and taken into consideration at the time the decision was taken.

## **Risk management**

- 13 The risks associated with any decisions of the executive have been set out within the relevant decision report and taken into consideration at the time the decision was taken.

## **Consultees**

- 14 None.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Executive decisions taken

Appendix 2 – Report of community safety partnership activity

## **Background papers**

- None identified.