

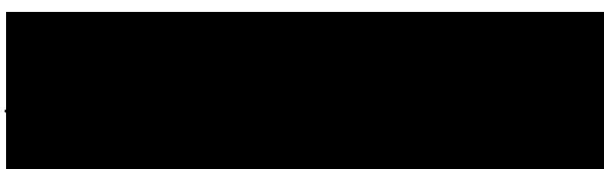
**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY OFFICER DECISION
Economy, Communities & Corporate**

ITEM:	LEP Energy Strategy Fund
Officer Title:	Energy Strategy Officer
Date of Decision:	12 April 2017
Purpose:	To seek approval to accept £50,000 from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for the development of a Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) wide energy strategy
Decision:	<p>That:-</p> <p>(a) Herefordshire Council act as accountable body for and accept grant funding of £50,000 from the Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS); and</p> <p>(b) To use the grant as set out below and in the main bid/proposal (Appendix 1)</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>These funds present an opportunity to bring together work already completed across the Marches LEP, build upon the existing work and bring it together into a single document which will also identify any relevant gaps necessary to inform strategy development.</p> <p>The Marches LEP authorities currently lack strategic direction in relation to the identification of energy opportunities, challenges and prioritised implementation of programmes directly relating to these</p>
Consultation:	This proposal has been developed in partnership with LEP partners, who were in full support of the application and will continue to be engaged in the evidence base and strategy development process should the grant be accepted.
Options Considered:	<p>Not to accept the funds and not to proceed.</p> <p>If the council chooses not to proceed, the allocated funds would not be drawn and the LEP-wide energy strategy work would not be undertaken.</p>
Declaration of Interest:	None

Officer Name: Richard Ball

Officer Title: Assistant Director Environment & Place

Signature:



Date: 12 April 2017

