

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Duty to Co-operate in relation to South Worcestershire Development Plan Review
Date of decision:	2 September 2019
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director for Regulation, Environment and Waste
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Within the scheme of delegation point 65.</p> <p>To act on behalf of the council in respect of all land use planning matters administered by the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, secondary legislation and any related statutory instruments, including those listed below:</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (Development Plan) Regulations 1991 The Town</p>
Wards:	N/A
Consultation:	Consultation will be carried out on the development plan and its supporting evidence in line with the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and associated regulations.
Decision made:	To inform the South Worcestershire Councils that Herefordshire Council will work with them to agree a Statement of Common Ground in relation to both authorities' development plans and to confirm that there are no strategic cross boundary issues identified at this stage.
Reasons for decision:	<p>Government requires neighbouring local authorities to agree Statements of Common Ground in order to demonstrate effective and on-going joint working by strategic plan-making authorities. The statements should identify any strategic cross-boundary matters and document the cooperation between plan making authorities in addressing any such issues.</p> <p>The South Worcestershire Councils (Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon Councils) are reviewing the joint South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP). Initial discussions between officers of the South Worcestershire councils and Herefordshire Council concluded that, at this stage, there are no strategic cross boundary issues but the Councils will continue to work together should any issues arise at future stages of the SWDP and also in relation to the forthcoming review of the Herefordshire Core Strategy.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	This decision will enable us to meet the requirements of government planning policy and to ensure effective strategic planning.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	No other options available.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed Date: 2 September 2019