

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Decision to Prosecute A Parent for Failing to Secure Regular Attendance of Their Child At School.
Date of decision:	07.03.2019
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste Services
Authority for delegated decision:	Economy and Place Scheme of Delegation – Item 64
Ward:	Ross West
Consultation:	Legal Services: In accordance with S222 of the Local Government Act 1972 we consider a prosecution is both appropriate and reasonable in this matter for the promotion or protection of the interests of the people of the County of Herefordshire which is also in accordance with the Herefordshire Council's Enforcement and Prosecution Policy.
Decision made:	To prosecute 1 defendant for failing to secure the attendance of a compulsory school age registered child between 28 th September to 8 th October 2018 contrary to S444(1) of the Education Act 1996 using the Single Justice Procedure
Reasons for decision:	<p>The defendants child was absent from school for 7 days. The defendant advised school that her child would be going on holiday. School advised defendant that absence would be unauthorized. Attendance rate was 84.69% and school policy target is 100%. A Fixed penalty notice was issued but not paid. Officers wrote to defendant regarding matter but no reply received. Evidence test is met via the statements, and the school attendance register It is in the Public Interest to prosecute because</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If this matter is not prosecuted there are grounds for believing that the alleged offence is likely to continue 2. A prosecution would have a significant positive impact on maintaining community confidence. 3. There are no known extenuating circumstances in respect of this matter such as illness, transportation issues or absence for religious observance etc.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	None
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:



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