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## Guide to Cabinet

The Executive or Cabinet of the Herefordshire Council consists of a Leader and Deputy Leader and seven other Cabinet Members each with their own individual programme area responsibilities. The current Cabinet membership is:

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| Cllr Jonathan Lester (Leader)            | Corporate Strategy and Budget  |
| Cllr Elissa Swinglehurst (Deputy Leader) | Environment                    |
| Cllr Ivan Powell                         | Children and Young People      |
| Cllr Harry Bramer                        | Community Services and Assets  |
| Cllr Pete Stoddart                       | Finance and Corporate Services |
| Cllr Carole Gandy                        | Adults, Health and Wellbeing   |
| Cllr Graham Biggs                        | Economy and Growth             |
| Cllr Barry Durkin                        | Roads and Regulatory Services  |
| Cllr Philip Price                        | Transport and Infrastructure   |

The Cabinet's roles are:

- To consider the overall management and direction of the Council. Directed by the Leader of the Council, it will work with senior managers to ensure the policies of Herefordshire are clear and carried through effectively;
- To propose to Council a strategic policy framework and individual strategic policies;
- To identify priorities and recommend them to Council;
- To propose to Council the Council's budget and levels of Council Tax;
- To give guidance in relation to: policy co-ordination; implementation of policy; management of the Council; senior employees in relation to day to day implementation issues;
- To receive reports from Cabinet Members on significant matters requiring consideration and proposals for new or amended policies and initiatives;
- To consider and determine policy issues within the policy framework covering more than one programme area and issues relating to the implementation of the outcomes of monitoring reviews.

### Who attends cabinet meetings?

- Members of the cabinet, including the leader of the council and deputy leader – these are the decision makers, only members of the cabinet can vote on recommendations put to the meeting.
- Officers of the council – attend to present reports and give technical advice to cabinet members
- Chairpersons of scrutiny committees – attend to present the views of their committee if it has considered the item under discussion
- Political group leaders attend to present the views of their political group on the item under discussion. Other councillors may also attend as observers but are not entitled to take part in the discussion.