



Appendix – schedule of motions and executive responses

Date of meeting	Motion	Resolution
7 March 2025	Minor Injury Units	This Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Supports the reinstatement of Minor Injury Units in Herefordshire as soon as possible to alleviate pressure on A&E services and improve access to urgent care for residents across the county; and · Calls upon the Executive to work with NHS partners and other stakeholders to facilitate the reopening of Minor Injury Units in Herefordshire.
<p>Executive response:</p> <p>The executive recognises the concerns that have been raised in the motion that there are not functional Minor Injury Units in local communities in Herefordshire. It should be noted that after significant discussions on the issue it has been highlighted that statistically MIUs deal with relatively few patients and that there needs to be a focus on better healthcare provision at the point of need in local communities.</p> <p>The council motion was discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2025 with health partners and it was confirmed that the approach to Minor Injuries Units would form part of the emerging development of the neighbourhood health model which will reshape the way in which health and care is delivered in the county. The core aim of neighbourhood health is to shift NHS care from hospitals into local communities, enabling people to live healthier, independent lives closer to home.</p> <p>Under the recently issued national Neighbourhood Health Framework, the Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for leading the development and implementation of the local neighbourhood health plan. The Board has a role to effect change in the delivery of local healthcare provision which will address the concerns in the motion and lead to better primary health care provision to support people’s health care needs in their communities.</p>		

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25 July 2025	Securing Herefordshire's Role in the UK and European Defence Industrial Strategy	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>This Council resolves to ask the executive to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a Herefordshire Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Prospectus, highlighting the county's strategic readiness to host defence-related investment, including a munitions facility, with a focus on clean and sustainable manufacturing. 2. Formally write to the Secretary of State for Defence, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Ministry for Business and Trade, urging them to consider Herefordshire as a location for one of the planned new factories and associated supply chain investment. 3. Call on the Government to support rural areas like Herefordshire by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Prioritising infrastructure upgrades in strategic industrial zones; o Establishing an investment support scheme modelled on Enterprise Zones; o Fast-tracking planning for clean-tech and defence-linked developments. 4. Engage with UK defence primes and SMEs to promote supply chain expansion in the county, particularly for dual-use and green defence technologies. 5. Work with FE and HE providers to align training and apprenticeships with the emerging needs of the UK and European defence sector. 6. Ensure that all defence-linked investment is underpinned by Herefordshire's values of environmental responsibility, ethical governance, and community benefit.
<p>Executive response:</p> <p>Resolution 1 - COMPLETED – Defence prospectus finalised in November 2025</p>		

Resolution 2 - COMPLETED – letter sent on the 19th November

Resolution 3 - COMPLETED – included in the letter of 19th November. Westminster reception event being planned for early 2026.

Resolution 4 - Business as usual – regular engagement with local defence businesses. Inward Investment website to launch in January 2026.

Resolution 5 - Business as usual - Herefordshire Skills Board considers all growth needs and opportunities. Herefordshire Skills Strategy including focus on defence and security due to be established in 2026.

Date of meeting	Motion	Resolution
25 July 2025	Housing Targets	Whilst this council will – as requested by government – “make every effort to allocate land in line with our housing need, as per the standard method”, this Council fully supports our officers and our Cabinet in their actively seeking to “justify a lower housing requirement than the figure the method sets, on the basis of local constraints on land and constraints on delivery”.

Executive response:

The motion has been noted in respect of housing targets and will be taken into consideration as part of plan preparation. The Council has recently issued a ‘call for sites’ and this is the first stage in plan preparation to see what land is potentially available for development.

The response to the call for sites has demonstrated that there is likely to be sufficient land (subject to detailed service area assessments) to meet the government’s mandatory housing targets. The mandatory housing target is currently 27,260 homes over a 20 year plan period. In total, submissions for the call for sites saw 4,231 hectares of land submitted and to put this in to context, this could potentially provide enough land for some 148,085 homes. Due to the scale of this response it is no longer possible to counter housing requirements on the basis of local land constraints and such an attempt would render the Local Plan unsound, meaning that it would be unacceptable to the Planning Inspectorate. It is acknowledged that there continues to be constraints in delivery in Herefordshire, primarily concerning road infrastructure. However, the provision of a bypass will address such constraints and assist the council to produce a robust and realistic Local Plan.

Date of meeting	Motion	Resolution
10 October 2025	Child Friendly Herefordshire	<p>Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To adopt a formal policy of Child Friendly Herefordshire, embedding the principle of putting children and young people's safety and wellbeing at the heart of all decisions. 2. To ensure children and young people have meaningful opportunities to shape decisions that affect them, both now and in the future. 3. To ask the executive to work with partners across public services, schools, health, business, transport, community groups, and voluntary organisations to create a county-wide partnership for Child Friendly Herefordshire. 4. To ask the Leader to report annually to Council on progress towards making Herefordshire a county where all children and young people thrive
<p>Executive response:</p> <p>Child's Voice Friendly Herefordshire Launch to Partners 4th March 26.</p> <p>Lead Service Manager for Participation appointed and Participation Strategy completed with action plan for 26/27 in place.</p> <p>Annual progress report will be presented October '26.</p>		

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10 October 2025	Improving access to employment, education and leisure for young people aged 16–19 through bus provision	<p>Council resolves</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support in principle the expansion of affordable, accessible bus travel for 16–19 year olds in Herefordshire to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve access to education, employment, and training 2. Reduce social isolation 3. Enhance health outcomes 2. Request the executive prepare proposals for inclusion in the 2026/27 budget for: a. The provision of a pilot extension of the transport assistance scheme for 16-19yr olds in education to enable travel on evenings, weekends and holidays. This pilot would include evaluation of impact. b. Identification of potential funding sources, including BSIP revenue grant and the Local Transport Grant revenue allocation; anticipated savings in other service areas (e.g., Economy, Public Health); and bus operator partnership or sponsorship opportunities. 3. Request the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Transport, urging support for pilot schemes and action on the Transport Committee’s recommendation to explore national free or discounted travel for young people, alongside long-term, devolved funding for bus services.
<p>Executive response:</p> <p>The executive supports in principle the need to enhance bus provision opportunities for 16 to 19 year olds and welcomed this motion at the Council meeting in October 2025.</p> <p>In line with the request in the motion the cabinet member finance and corporate services gave consideration to the pilot scheme during the development of the 2026/27 budget proposals. The pilot scheme was costed at an amount of £1.9million which when considered within the context of the requirement for savings of £20million was not considered feasible at that time. Despite the pilot scheme being assessed as unaffordable during the production of the 26/27 budget it will be considered again this year for potential inclusion in the 27/28 budget.</p>		

However, the council has used what funding was available and provision has been made in BSIP funding to undertake a feasibility study in the 26/27 financial year to look at a pilot proposal for subsidised transport for 16 to 19 year olds. The study will include a review of financial viability both for a pilot and for wider roll out of a pilot in future years.

In accordance with the request in the motion the Leader has written to the Secretary of State for Transport and can be viewed [here](#).

Date of meeting	Motion	Resolution
6 March 2026	Reinstatement of Hereford, Ross and Gloucester rail link	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>This Council instructs the Executive to take five actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Enter early discussions with Gloucestershire County Council on the possibility of a joint feasibility study on the reestablishment of the rail link. 2) Write to the Secretary of State for Transport to set out our stall and see the likely support and possibility of funding for a feasibility study. 3) In parallel, test the market for any private finance interest in backing a feasibility study. 4) Engage with relevant partners and the engineering sector to seek specialist expertise for writing and scoping a feasibility study, including costs. 5) Report back on progress to Council within 12 months.
<p>Executive response:</p> <p>With respect to requests 1 – 4 in the motion the executive has commissioned a Herefordshire rail strategy which will make an assessment of the feasibility of the proposal contained in the motion. The proposal will be considered alongside other rail improvement proposals across the county. The outcome of the Herefordshire rail strategy will help inform the Executive’s view of the way forward.</p> <p>In accordance with request 5 in the motion the executive will provide an update in March 2027.</p>		

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