

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member community services and assets**

<b>Title</b>	<b>High Needs Provision Capital Grant spend</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member community services and assets Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	8 November 2024
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To approve the spend of the High Needs Provision Capital Grant to extend our inclusion offer in mainstream schools, increase places for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and to improve Alternative Provision (AP) education arrangements
<b>Decision</b>	That:  a) To approve the spend of the High Needs Provision Capital Grant (£4.23million) to extend our inclusion offer in mainstream schools, increase capacity for children with Special Educational Needs and

	<p>Disabilities (SEND) and to improve Alternative Provision (AP) education arrangements</p> <p>b) To delegate to the Service Director for Education, Learning and Skills all operational decisions necessary to deliver a programme of works including varying such programme; and</p> <p>c) Should the Council receive additional high needs grant funding from central Government or there is an underspend on current education grant funded capital projects, authority is granted to add this to the budget by the Section 151 officer to provide additional funding for the programme should it be deemed necessary by the Service Director for Education, Learning and Skills.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50048894">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50048894</a></p>
Options considered	<p>1. Not to allocate the funding from the High Needs Capital Grant. This is not recommended as both SEND and AP is currently over-capacity, and the existing PRU buildings are in a poor state of repair, and there are no options to extend the current sites.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	14 November 2024

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Cabinet member community services and assets (Councillor Harry Bramer)</p>	<p>Date 8 November 2024</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.